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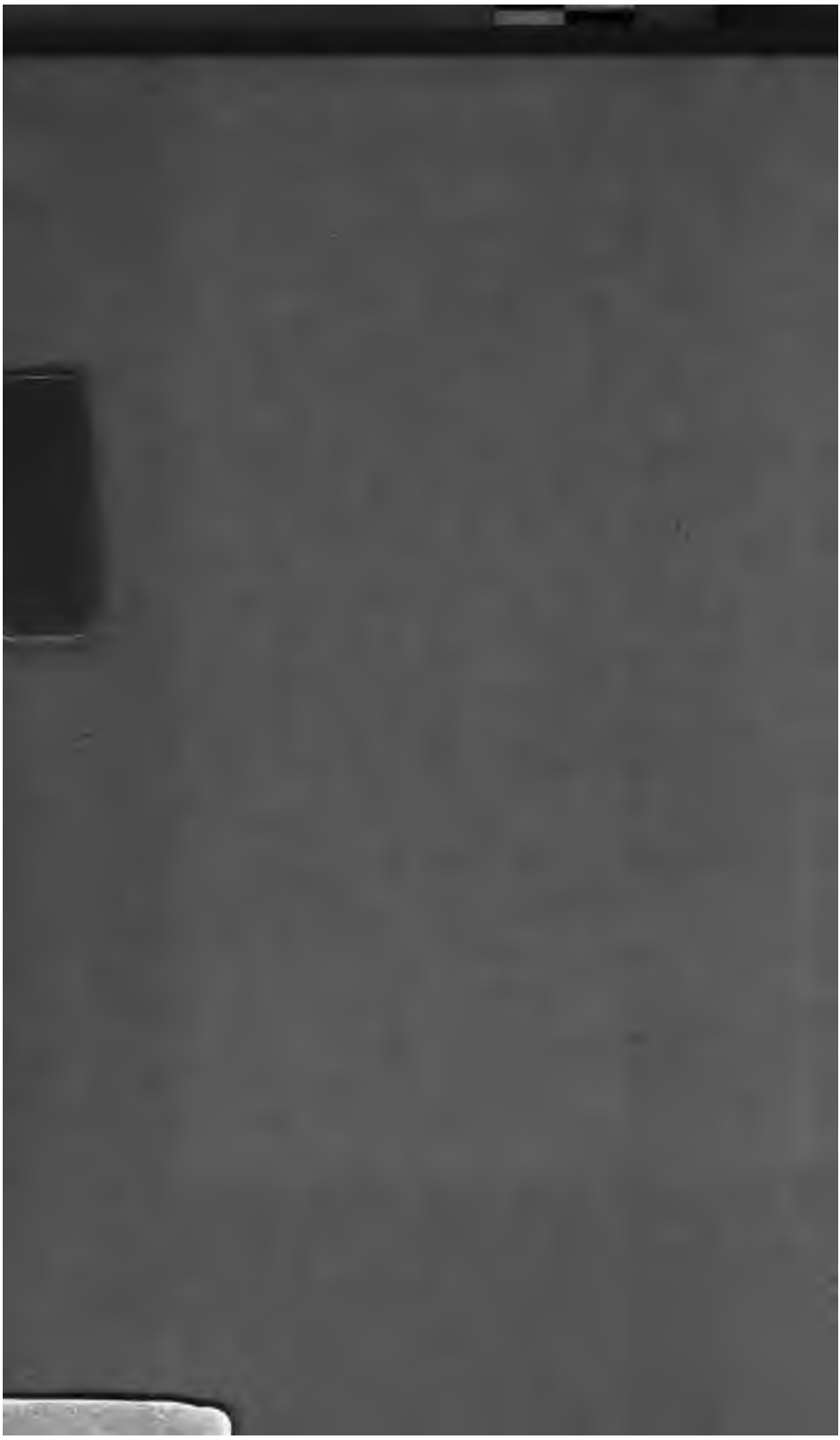

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PROCEEDINGS.

THE Fifty-sixth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Hampshire met, agreeably to the resolve of the Fifty-fifth Annual Convention, in St. Michael's Church, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 28th day of May, A. D. 1856, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention was called to order by the Bishop of the Diocese.

A list of the clergy, canonically members of the Convention, was then called, and the following clergymen answered to their names, and took their seats in the Convention:

Rt. Rev. CARLTON CHASE, D. D.;
Rev. EDWARD BOURNS, LL. D.;
Rev. CHARLES BURROUGHS, D. D.;
Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD;
Rev. NICHOLAS F. LUDLUM;
Rev. NEWTON E. MARBLE, D. D.;
Rev. THOMAS G. SALTER;
Rev. JOSHUA R. PEIRCE.

By order of the President, the certificates of the lay delegates were presented, and, on motion, referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Thomas G. Salter and Solon C. Grannis, Esq., who subsequently reported the following persons as entitled to seats in the Convention:

St. John's Church, Portsmouth — Joshua W. Peirce, Albert R. Hatch, Lyman D. Spaulding.*

Trinity Church, Claremont — Arnold Briggs,* Simeon Ide,* George Ticknor.

St. Michael's Church, Manchester — Justus D. Watson,* T. W. Little.*

* Present.

St. Paul's Church, Concord — John Whipple,* John E. Tyler, Leavitt C. Virgin.

St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton — Samuel R. Adams, George W. Currier, Joseph Stanwood.

Union Church, Claremont — Chester P. Smith, Solon C. Grannis.*

St. Thomas' Church, Dover — William Hale, George F. Rollins, Charles A. Tufts.

On motion, proceeded to choose a Secretary by ballot. Rev. Newton E. Marble, D. D., was elected.

Resolved, That clergymen officiating in this Diocese, but not canonically members of this Convention, and clergymen of other Dioceses, and candidates for Orders, who may be present, be admitted to seats in this Convention.

Under this resolution the Rev. Henry A. Coit, Rector of St. Paul's School, Concord, took a seat in the Convention.

On motion, the Rules of Order for last year were adopted for the government of the Convention.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Morning service of the Church shall be performed every day during the session of the Convention.

2. When the President takes the chair he shall call the Convention to order, and every member shall remain in his seat, unless he rise to address the chair.

3. The President shall speak to points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convention by any member.

4. When the Convention is equally divided, the President shall decide the question by his vote; and when his vote, if given to the minority, shall make an equal division, it shall also be his duty to vote, and in such case the question shall be lost.

5. When a member is about to speak upon any question, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat and address himself to the President.

6. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

7. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention without leave, if he be able to attend.

* Present.

8. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave of the Convention, nor more than once, until every member wishing to speak shall have spoken.

9. Every member who shall be in the Convention when a question is put, shall give his vote, unless excused for special reasons before a division.

10. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President before being debated, and shall be reduced to writing, if so required by the President.

11. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone to a certain time, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely — which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged.

12. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order; that, and the motion to lay on the table, shall always be decided without debate.

13. When a motion has been decided in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member in the majority to move for a reconsideration thereof on the same day.

An application was received from St. Mark's Church, Holderness, for admission into union with the Convention.

The Articles of Association and the By-Laws of the Parish having been read by the Secretary, on motion, St. Mark's Church, Holderness, was admitted into union with the Convention.

Resolved, That the Convention now attend divine service.

Morning prayer was read by Rev. Joshua R. Peirce and Rev. Henry A. Coit.

The sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Burroughs, from 2 Cor. 6: 4.

The Bishop, assisted by Rev. Dr. Burroughs, administered the Holy Communion.

At the conclusion of divine service, the Convention resumed business.

Resolved, That a Committee on Finance be appointed; also, a Committee to nominate Delegates to the General Convention, the Standing Committee, Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, the Preacher of the Missionary Sermon and his substitute, and the time and place of holding the next Annual Convention.

The President appointed the following persons:

On Finance — Rev. I. G. Hubbard, Simeon Ide and Lyman D. Spaulding.

On Nominations—Rev. Newton E. Marble, T. W. Little and Solon C. Grannis.

On motion, voted to adjourn to 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Secretary of the Standing Committee presented the following report; whereupon, it was ordered to be printed in the Journal of the Convention.

CONCORD, May 30, 1855.

At the Annual Convention of the Diocese of New-Hampshire, duly held this day, there were elected as members of the Standing Committee for the year ensuing, the Rev. Dr. Burroughs, the Rev. Mr. Salter, the Rev. Mr. Hubbard, together with Hon. C. W. Woodman and Mr. George Jaffrey.

PORTSMOUTH, January 11, 1856.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee, held at this time and place, there was an election of officers, when the Rev. Dr. Burroughs was chosen President, and the Rev. Mr. Salter, Secretary.

At this meeting the canonical testimonial in behalf of the Rev. Joshua R. Peirce, candidate for Priest's orders, was duly signed.

Attest: THOMAS G. SALTER, *Secretary.*

The Committee on the Certificates of Lay Members, reported that Joseph Shepard and Orin Clough, of St. Mark's Church, Holderness, are entitled to seats in this Convention.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows:

Preacher of the Missionary Sermon—Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard; substitute, Rev. Henry A. Coit.

Delegates to the General Convention—Rev. Charles Burroughs, D. D.; Rev. Edward Bourns, LL. D.; Rev. Thomas G. Salter; Rev. Newton E. Marble, D. D.; Joshua W. Peirce, Esq.; John Whipple, Esq.; Simeon Ide, Esq.; Hon. Mace Moulton.

Standing Committee—Rev. Charles Burroughs, D. D., Rev. Thomas G. Salter, Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard, Hon. Charles W. Woodman, Joshua W. Peirce, Esq.

Trustees of the General Theological Seminary—Rev. Charles Burroughs, D. D., Joshua W. Peirce, Esq.

Which report was adopted, and the persons therein named unanimously elected.

The committee also reported Trinity Church, Claremont, as the place of holding the next Annual Convention; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention of the Diocese of New-Hampshire be held in Trinity Church, Claremont, on the last Wednesday in May, 1857, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Secretary submitted to the Convention the proposed amendments of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

The Bishop read his Annual Address to the Convention, as follows:

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

BELOVED BRETHREN, MEMBERS OF THIS CONVENTION:

Having been sustained through the various labors and trials of another year, we are again brought together in the providence of God to sum up the mercies of the past, to offer up our common thanks for his continued presence with his Church, and to inquire for the tokens which point to duty in the future. When we consider how great have been the gifts of grace, of means, and of opportunities, and how feeble and irresolute and of limited effect our best endeavors, we may well feel that our proper place is among the most unpretending and humble. And when we consider that, though men have slept, the Lord has not been unmindful of his own field, but has in some respects "done great things for us, whereof we rejoice," may our hearts be warmed with sentiments of grateful praise.

At our last Convention, which was held at Concord on the 30th and 31st days of May, 1855, matters of great importance were introduced, partially considered, and partially acted upon, and referred for final disposal to the present Convention. I recommend an early examination of your printed journal, in order that these may receive due attention. It has sometimes, I may be allowed to remark, been to me an occasion of regret that business requiring the most wise, thoughtful and patient deliberation, has been left till near the end of the session, when a portion of our members had taken their departure, and others had made arrangements soon to follow. Indeed, I think it will be conceded that our business generally has been done up in too much haste. The affairs of the Diocese, with two or three public religious services and sermons adapted to rouse and reward the attention of the people, would give profitable employment for two full days.

On looking over my journal for the month of June, I find nothing recorded of particular interest touching the Church within our own limits or elsewhere.

July 4. On this day, the great anniversary of our country's Independence, I had the pleasure, in company with a few friends from Claremont, of making an informal visit to our friends at Hanover; who with much zeal had undertaken to hold a festival or social assemblage, for the purpose of making some contribution to the funds necessary to the design of erecting a new Church. It was an occasion of more than ordinary interest, and brought out new evidence of the generous Christian sentiments with which our designs and labors in that community are generally regarded. I desire in this place to express my high appreciation of the self-denying zeal and of the persevering endeavors of the ladies and gentlemen of St. Thomas' Church. May the Lord remember for good themselves and the noble cause they have at heart.

July 13. I this day licensed the Rev. Joshua R. Peirce, a Deacon of this Diocese, ordained at my request by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Potter, of New-York, to do the work of an Evangelist in this Diocese. Mr. Peirce has formed an engagement for service with the Church in Holderness — of which more at subsequent dates.

Aug. 11. Notice from the Bishop of Western New-York of the Deposition of John S. Davenport for Irvingism.

Aug. 31. Notice from the Bishop of South Carolina of the Deposition of Augustus L. Converse.

Sept. 5. It will be remembered that in a former address I mentioned, as a thing looking to the advancement of the interests of the Diocese, the inception of a design to found and establish at Concord, a School for the instruction and training of boys. A charter, containing all necessary provisions, was obtained from the Legislature at its last session. Under this, on the day last mentioned, which I trust will be a day next in memorable character to that of the opening of the institution, the Trustees of St. Paul's School held their first meeting, for the purpose of organizing and of adopting the necessary measures for effecting the objects of the benevolent founder. Their number is eleven: The Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D.; the Rt. Rev. Horatio Southgate, D. D.; the Hon. Matthew Harvey, LL. D.; the Hon. Isaac F. Redfield, LL. D.; the Hon. Samuel H. Huntington; the Rev. Newton E. Marble, D. D.; Dr. William E. Coale; William F. Otis, Esq.; Henry M. Parker, Esq.; Jacob Carter, Esq., and the Hon. N. B. Baker. The first named was chosen President of the

Board, and the Hon. N. B. Baker was chosen Secretary. The Trustees being duly organized, a deed of real estate, of great value, very beautiful in site, and highly advantageous in point of local relations, at a part of the city called Millville, was presented to them by Dr. George C. Shattuck, and accepted with expressions of respect and gratitude befitting the joyful occasion. A Standing Committee was appointed, with necessary powers, and measures were adopted for opening the school at the beginning of the following month of April. At a subsequent meeting the Rev. Henry A. Coit, now a Presbyter of the Diocese, was unanimously chosen Rector, which, it is understood, is to be the official title of the head of the institution. I am happy to add, that Mr. Coit was promptly on the ground, and made a beginning in his interesting labors at the time proposed by the Trustees.

I think it proper to remark, that while this institution sustains no necessary connection with, or responsibility to the ecclesiastical authorities of the Diocese, it must be evident to all, who are acquainted with the circumstances of its origin, and who know the character of the distinguished persons concerned in its management, that it sustains a relation to the interests of religion and learning in the Diocese, to which we cannot easily attach too much importance. Let us, then, remember St. Paul's School, when we remember Zion, and offer up our prayers for the blessing of God upon it.

Sept. 7. From the Bishop of New-Jersey I accepted with much pleasure a Letter Dimissory in favor of the Rev. John L. Watson, D. D., a Chaplain in the Navy of the United States, stationed at Portsmouth.

Sept. 13. Notice received from the Bishop of Wisconsin of the Deposition from the Ministry of William Markoe.

Sept. 19. In compliance with instructions from the Convention, and from the "Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church," I, with the concurrence and assistance of your Secretary, transmitted to the Rev. Ernest Hawkins, B. D., Secretary of "the Society for Propagating the Gospel," &c., certain documents, with an introductory letter, soliciting for the same the early attention of the Venerable Society. The object of both the Convention and the Trustees in this proceeding, it will be remembered, was to obtain from the Society a Power of Attorney to be granted to the Diocesan Trustees, touching any rights of real property the Society may have in this Diocese. I understand it to have been the impression of the supporters of the proceeding, that, under such a power, there could readily be effected,

touching certain vexed matters, an adjustment reasonably satisfactory to all concerned. That, subject to the blessing of God, has been my own hope. A final answer to this communication has not yet been received, but is daily expected.

Sept. 28. I received through the Rev. Henry Caswall, Vicar of Figheldean, in England, a circular letter addressed by the Bishop of London to the American Bishops, informing them of the institution of a Society in England, called "the Anglo-American Church Emigrant's Aid Society," and asking their assistance in rendering this effort effective and successful. To this I made answer, that the subject is one to which we on this side cannot be indifferent, and shall gladly coöperate in measures for the good of immigrants.

Sept. 30. *Sunday.* I made a visitation to St. Thomas' Church, Hanover. Being favored in the services of the day with the assistance of the Rev. Dr. Bourns, missionary at this post of duty, and the Rev. Mr. Putnam, of Connecticut, I delivered two sermons. The congregation in the forenoon would be called large for a place so situated, but in the afternoon the Church was well nigh full. This was an interesting Visitation. The Sunday School, which I now met and inspected for the first time, consisted of twenty children, half of whom, (I am sorry to say, an unusual proportion,) were boys. I was pleased to witness the perfect manner in which a portion of the Catechism was recited. In this department of usefulness Mr. Hixon, a student of College, and certain ladies, are doing good service. I am pleased to find that this Church, now fully organized and admitted into connection with the Convention, is remembered by the benevolent, and those who are "glad to distribute." I was shown a beautiful alms basin, which had been presented by persons belonging to St. Ann's Church, Lowell. And here I would point your attention to a matter deemed to be of great importance to the advancement of our cause in this place. After much consideration of the subject, in which the counsels of the friends of education, and especially of the Church, here and elsewhere, were brought to our aid, we have entered on the undertaking of procuring the means to erect a new Church for this parish. Such an undertaking, considered with reference to the fact that its success must depend, under the blessing of God, wholly on foreign liberality, may seem to be a great and a bold one. Without doubt it is so. But among those whose views have reached me — and the number is large, and consists of persons whose counsels are entitled to the highest respect — there is but one opinion as to its practicability. It may require a length of time unlooked

for, and possibly the ardor of our worthy friends at Hanover, and in other places, may become impatience, — but it can be accomplished. An appeal to the Alumni of Dartmouth College, and to Episcopalians generally, has been drawn up by me, and committed to Dr. Thomas R. Crosby, as general agent, to present the subject and receive subscriptions and contributions. On account of some agitation in commercial circles, during the last winter, not much has yet been accomplished. We are already sure of a few hundred dollars of the four or five thousand which we hope to obtain. Arrangements have been made for a safe and productive deposit of moneys received.

I am the more particular on this subject, because it is one of deep interest to the whole Diocese.

I think it proper to add that the present building, which was purchased about four years ago of the Methodists, and which, it is understood, can be advantageously disposed of, is unattractive, both in style and situation, and cannot be repaired and fitted for permanent use without an expense which would go far in the construction of a new building. It has well served our purpose thus far. A numerous congregation has been gathered, parochial organization established, and the ordinances of our holy religion regularly administered. A further advance of our cause cannot be expected without an improved scale of accommodations.

Oct. 8. Notice from the Bishop of New-Jersey of the Deposition from the Ministry of George Hobart Doane.

Oct. 9. *Tuesday.* I visited St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton — preached, and Confirmed two persons. This was a night service, and the congregation was in good number. The Rev. Mr. Ludlum is still here, laboring with zeal and faithful diligence. It is to be hoped that this once strong parish, of late reduced by death and emigration, is reviving, and may again take its place among the favored. Of the early members of this Church but few remain. I observe with tender interest — and the more so, because this is my native Church — that of four of its founders and first friends, the aged widows still survive, waiting in constancy and hope for the day, not distant now, of their Lord's coming — Mrs. Baruch Chase, Mrs. J. O. Ballard, Mrs. E. Lerned and Mrs. Daniel Chase, — with whom I trust I need not plead to excuse the mention of their names.

Oct. 10. *Evening.* I visited St. Paul's Church, Concord — preached, and Confirmed an interesting class of seven persons, to whom I delivered an address on their privileges and duties. Evening Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Marble, and the Church was filled with a

most attentive congregation. At the time of this visit I made a note in my journal as follows: "This Church continues, by the blessing of God, to flourish. Its prosperity is decided and most certain; and the day, I trust, is not distant, when it will be able with comfort to bear its own burdens." In a few weeks from that date, by one of those turns in human affairs which, under the providence of God, spring from the restless activity and enterprise of the American mind, without any previous depression of the spirit of life in the parish, or any special failure of dutiful earnestness, a cloud came over this happy state of things. In numbers, weight of character, and wealth, the parish lost heavily by removals. The extent of the loss was remarkable, and almost or quite unprecedented. Just then the Committee of Domestic Missions, entirely unaware of the trying conjuncture, proposed to withdraw its appropriation. If it had done so, I do not see how that important parish could have sustained itself without a miracle. Thanks be to God and to the right spirit of the Committee, a statement of the extraordinary facts of the case drew immediately a favorable response, and the appropriation was continued. Upon this the spirit of the people revived; an unusual effort was made, and I am most happy to learn that the work of the Lord prospers again — the more so, perhaps, by reason of the trial.

Oct. 12. *Evening.* In St. Michael's Church, Manchester, I preached and Confirmed ten persons, to whom I delivered an address. Prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Hubbard, Rector. I was informed that there were several other candidates, whose attendance was providentially prevented. It is very clear that this church is now much favored of God. One cannot fail to see that our happy system is attracting attention and gaining ground in the community by reason of its stable and conservative character, and the fact that its ministers abstain, as I rejoice to know they universally do, from intermeddling with political questions and parties. My visit being in the evening, I did not see the Sunday School, but have reason to think its condition is as good as it was a year ago at least. The parsonage, it is more and more apparent, is a possession of great importance to this parish. The house is situated on an ample corner lot, is very admirable in its construction, and is paid for. Within about a year several families of great weight and social importance have been added to the parish circle.

Oct. 14. *Sunday.* I visited St. Thomas' Church, Dover, preached twice, and Confirmed two persons, the Rev. Mr. Salter reading prayers. Two adults and a child were baptized by the Rector. This parish

seems to be nearly in its usual condition. The congregation seemed to me not as large as I have seen it.

Towards evening of the same day, Mr. Salter obligingly drove me to Salmon Falls, where, after prayers offered by him, I preached.— The Church was completely filled with a most attentive congregation, a number of persons being present from Dover. Episcopalians continue to be but a small proportion of the population of this village of manufacturers. The large congregation this evening embraced probably a variety of religious types. I have some hopes that arrangements now in progress will result in something to the advantage of this Church, so that by another year I trust to be able to give a better account of things.

Oct. 16. *Tuesday.* In St. John's Church, Portsmouth, Morning Prayer being read by the Rev. Dr. Watson, of the Navy — the ante-communion service by the Rev. Dr. Burroughs — I preached, and Confirmed an interesting class of eleven persons. The congregation was good for the day.

In the evening of the same day I preached to a full congregation in the Chapel of St. John's, prayers being read by the Rector.

Oct. 17. I proceeded by way of Concord to visit Trinity Church, Holderness, and arrived near night at the hospitable mansion of my excellent friend, S. A. Burns, Esq., in Plymouth. Here I was happy to find the Rev. Joshua R. Peirce, Deacon, who took charge of Trinity parish in the month of August.

Oct. 18. I preached twice, and administered the holy communion in the old Church, Morning and Evening Prayer being read by Mr. Peirce. There were present eight communicants, which was probably the whole number. In the forenoon the congregation consisted of thirty-two persons — in the afternoon of thirty-five. Mr. Peirce is laboring here very faithfully, and engages much attention, and I have every reason to be satisfied with his ministrations. Hitherto he has divided his services equally between the old Church, near Plymouth, and the Village of Holderness. From this date through the winter, for reasons which I could not but approve, he was to officiate every Sunday in the Village, where he would have a congregation of a hundred.

It seems that the parish Corporation, though in occupancy of this Church and of the ground on which it stands for scores of years, never had a formal deed of conveyance, and held only by a verbal promise of a deed. I learned with surprise and regret that in the settling of an estate the land, carrying, of course, the building with it, had been

sold or given to a Cemetery Company. Thus the parish has now no local habitation, unless its place of meeting in the Village be such.

Strange to say, the parish Corporation is reduced to five, or at most six, resident members, only two of whom are communicants, and one of these a venerable man of more than eighty years. The property, which was obtained by leases of Glebe Lands, amounts to $979 nearly. Several years ago I took a Bond of the Treasurer, in which proceeding I was guided by eminent counsel, to deliver to me on demand this property, which, when received, was to be kept by me in trust for the benefit of the Church. This bond was afterwards expressly sanctioned by a vote of the Corporation. It is proper to say, that my object in this measure was to save the property to the Church generally, in case of that parish becoming extinct, which seemed not unlikely to come to pass. The property has been delivered, and is now in my hands, where it will remain until arrangements, promissory of safety and reasonably satisfactory to those who have an interest, and who have at heart the welfare of the Church, can be made for its future keeping, and no longer. I take this addition to my already onerous cares in order, if possible, to save this little shred of the Church's patrimony in this Diocese from going as thousands have gone before. There seems now (or rather there did at the time of a special visit, to which I shall soon refer,) a pleasing prospect of a revival of ancient interest in Holderness. A new society has been organized in the Village, under apparently very interesting circumstances, which movement, as I understand it, is not designed in any way to supplant or embarrass the old society, but rather to give fresh and vigorous aid to its objects. The probability is that eventually one of the two may be merged in the other. One thing is plain and certain in my view — Holderness Village is the part of the town where the house of divine service should be located. There the people can conveniently assemble, and there the avails of the little fund can be applied with perfect propriety.

Oct. 31. I this day struck from the list of candidates for Holy Orders the name of James H. Bridge; cause, defection to Romanism.

In the months of November and December, though I was constantly engaged, as well in the performance of my duties as a parish Rector as in disposing of the various daily calls on the attention of the Episcopal office, my journal received no entries proper to be brought to the notice of this Convention.

Jan. 21, 1856. I made a special visit to St. Michael's Church, [illegible]chester — preached in the evening, and Confirmed six persons.

These make the number sixteen who have been Confirmed here since the last Convention. The additions are of a highly interesting and important character. Would to God it could be said of all our Churches that they are doing as well.

Jan. 22. In company with the Rev. Messrs. Marble and Hubbard, I proceeded to Holderness Village, where we found the Rev. Dr. Burroughs already arrived. In the evening we examined for the Priesthood the Rev. Joshua Rindge Peirce, who, giving satisfaction and presenting the requisite testimonials, was set down for advancement to that "good degree."

On the morrow, —

Jan. 23. *Wednesday.* Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Brethren, Marble and Hubbard. A sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Burroughs, who in due time and order presented the Candidate, the Rev. Joshua R. Peirce, whom I proceeded to invest with the holy office of a Priest in the Church of God, the brethren present of that order joining in the imposition of hands. The place of worship was completely filled by a singularly attentive congregation, of which not an individual took his departure till the last word of the long exercises had been pronounced. Through the taste and diligence of Mr. Peirce, the congregation had been trained to an excellent style of music, the chants being done with great and really beautiful effect, antiphonally.

In the evening of the same day, after prayers read by the Rev. Mr. Peirce and the Rev. Mr. Southgate, Deacon, of Boston, I delivered a sermon, and Confirmed three ladies, sisters. The sermon was on the characteristic features or principles of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and was listened to, to the length of fifty minutes, with the most profound attention. I feel much indebted to the kind hospitality of Mr. George Hoyt and his amiable wife, who, at an inclement season of the year, made my stay as comfortable and pleasant as I could desire.

In humble reliance on the blessing of God, I shall be looking with much confidence for good fruits produced by the solemnities in which such numbers of persons evidently took the deepest interest. I cannot leave this date without bearing testimony to the zeal and wisdom with which the pious labors of Mr. Peirce, in a difficult field, are directed.

Feb. 14. Notice from the Provisional Bishop of New-York of the Deposition from the ministry of Geo. W. Timlow and Wm. H. Marsh.

From the same I received a Letter Dimissory in favor of the Rev.

Henry A. Coit, Presbyter, which being accepted he is transferred to this Diocese.

Mar. 4. Notice from the Bishop of Maryland of the Deposition from the Ministry of John P. Robbins and Edward Waylen.

Mar. 12. Notice from the Bishop of Georgia of the Deposition of John H. Linebaugh; and from the Bishop of Indiana, of the Deposition of Hiram M. Roberts.

Apr. 27. *Sunday.* I made my annual Visitation to St. Peter's Church, Drewsville — read Prayers once and preached twice. The congregation, I thought, was more numerous than I have usually met there. The parish is still vacant, there not having been for many months even lay reading. There seemed to be no lack of desire among the people to have regular service, either by a Clergyman or a layman. That this want will be supplied by the one or the other I have now some reason to hope. The Library presented by the Rev. Dr. Sprague, for the use of the Rector of St. Peter's, I was pleased to find, is in a state of good and careful preservation. This valuable collection of books, forming a well chosen and ample library for a country Clergyman, is kept at the parsonage, of which the occupant belongs to that class of Churchmen who, if they had the means as they have the mind, would not long let this field go uncultivated. Here is a pleasant Village, removed from many of the evils common in larger business places, having a population, as I judge, of two hundred souls or more within no great distance, with a good stone Church, and no other place of worship occupied, with a nice parsonage, and an ample Clergyman's library, and with a certain income from funds of $125 per annum, to say nothing of what would be done by the people. Truly it seems as if some humble servant of Christ would find his way hither.

May 4. *Sunday.* I held a Confirmation in Trinity Church, Claremont, when six persons received the laying on of hands. This is the Church of which I am Rector.

May 11. *Sunday.* I visited Grace Church, Plainfield, read Prayers and preached twice, and administered the Communion to twelve persons. The weather was favorable, and the congregation consisted, perhaps, of one hundred and twenty persons, old and young. Some months since, the Rev. D. G. Wright, formerly minister of the parish, now belonging to the Diocese of New-York, spent a Lord's day and officiated here. Otherwise there has been no service since my visit a year ago. There is now some prospect that this parish will receive an occasional visit from the Rev. Mr. Randolph, of Windsor, Vt.,

during the approaching summer. Although in the thinning of population by emigration, and the decay or removal of business in that town, there are presented to us some discouragements, yet we must not give up that parish. The town is one of important advantages and interests in farming, and must always have a substantial population. And I think now, if we had the means to give liberal missionary aid for a few years, our cause would be established there. I truly think no denomination can do better there than we can do.

At 5 o'clock, P. M., of the same day I made a visit to Trinity Church, Cornish, and preached, the Rev. Messrs. Smith and Randolph, who obligingly met me here, reading prayers. There was a congregation of seventy-five or eighty persons, of whom many, I was told, came over from Windsor. I am glad to be able to state that an arrangement has been made with the Rev. Mr. Randolph, by which he will hold an afternoon service here on each Lord's day. I like this much, and pray that it may be blest to the reviving of this venerable old parish. There is indeed but a small population, and that probably diminishing, but there are some earnest minds, a decent Church, in good repair, a considerable pecuniary income, and some remainders of that precious leaven of grace and truth, which it takes a long while to purge entirely out where the Church has once been established.

May 18. *Sunday.* I visited Union Church, Claremont, and preached, the Rev. Mr. Smith, Rector, reading Evening Prayer. Of this visit due notice had been given, which brought together full eighty of the parishioners on one of the finest days of the season. It is but justice to add that I found the pious and laborious pastor of this flock suffering under sadness of heart because his labors had not received that blessing which sends forward willing and obedient souls to receive the seal of the covenant of grace, and by the public rites of the Church to join the fellowship of the saints. And I felt sad myself to find that my first thought called up for his comfort the fact that worldliness and indifference almost everywhere prevail in a manner truly distressing to the devoted friends of Christ. Some of our parishes need to be blessed with more burdens, rather than less.

Such, brethren, are the occurrences of the year, and such is the state of our Churches, as observation and other means within my reach have brought me acquainted with them. If in some cases I seem to have introduced matter which might have been left to the parochial reports of the Clergy, I trust it will not be regarded as an intrusion into another man's line of things. Nor, either by these addresses or by parochial reports, is there any danger of bringing into

our annual Journal too much matter belonging to the history of our Churches. I sincerely wish our parochial reports generally were drawn up with more sedulous care, and with more attention to those particulars of things done, things suffered, things gained, and things lost, into which or by which the daily flowing current of life in the Church is developed. Dry collections of statistics alone are unsatisfying to all readers. Will my reverend brethren think of this?

All our Churches, being thirteen in number, have been visited during the year. In seven of them the rite of Confirmation has been administered to forty-seven persons.

We have two Candidates for Holy Orders, who are now of senior standing in the General Theological Seminary, and will offer themselves for Ordination about mid-summer — Mr. Geo. E. Hurd, and Mr. Francis Chase. Arrangements are in progress for giving our vacant Churches the benefit of their labors.

There has been one ordination to the Deaconate, and one to the Priesthood.

I observe with much satisfaction that all our working Churches make contributions to the great missionary objects of the American Communion, Foreign, Domestic, and Diocesan. Some of these may be considered liberal, though few, if any of us — Churches or individuals — come up to the measure of duty. I recommend to my brethren of the Clergy, that they take frequent opportunities to press the subject of missions on the attention of their respective congregations. If we would be helped, we must give help. I particularly recommend that a more earnest endeavor be made to increase the means of your Board of Diocesan Missions. Hitherto, I think, the collections of the Diocese for this purpose have not amounted to much above one hundred dollars. I have felt obliged to make unusually large engagements to feeble Churches, or else allow their growing prospects entirely to lapse. Holderness and Salmon Falls are new points of missionary labor and appropriation, and to each of these we must give, somehow, one hundred dollars.

Respecting the "Memorial of sundry Presbyters to the House of Bishops," a paper which shows, by the universal and singularly temperate discussion it has occasioned, that the mind of the Church had grown into a congenial mood for entertaining the subject, I wish to say a few words — not to exhibit a plan, not to discuss the merits of any plan, but simply to express my belief that the time is near when something will be done in that direction, and to indicate certain principles that are of great importance.

The changing of established usages — especially the changing of usages that have grown venerable by time, and have become complicated with the habits and affections of communities — is always a critical procedure, and can only be done safely, or even attempted, when wisdom and intelligence, underlaid with the love of truth and righteousness, are the ministers of change. But in our common work, changes must somehow be made, because practically the glory of Christ's kingdom is the result of progress and development — i. e., of change. Such being the case, the question arises, Of what change? And what change is admissible? Certainly not in the perfect work of Christ, either as respects his revelation of truth, or his instructions and institutions for the ministry and use of truth; not in things permanent in their nature, or made so by institution of Christ; but in *the rules of use* — in the circumstances and conditions of ministry. Man at no time knows and understands the whole of a thing. Of course he never possesses perfect and unimprovable qualifications for putting to the highest use the subjects of his prayers and studies. The minister and the man are in the way of duty only when they follow on to *know*.

If the Christian were made to be of necessity a *solitaire*, and so religion were strictly and solely individual, an inelastic and iron economy might fit him. But not so is it under the truths and institutions of the Gospel, which claim the fullness of every social principle, and are the medium of blessings, not only from God to men, but, under all the social and physical vicissitudes of this round world, from men to men.

Hence, while the great laws of moral sensibility, impression, and influence remain fixed and unchanged — or, rather, in order that they may remain unchanged in their simple and salutary force — and in order that truth may do its work under all the conditions and variant circumstances of human life, and grace have free course and be glorified *in* men and *through* men, there must be adaptation in the mode of use and ministration.

That change is attended with agitation, is not a reason for denying change, but for the exercise of wisdom in making it. If things are altered, which ought on first principles, or on any sound principle, to be unalterable, evil unfailingly ensues. If alterations are made because the subjects of them are needed to be better, and men have truly learned how to make them better, a little agitation will do no harm — will probably do good.

Changes will gradually draw on — indeed, they are already upon us

more than most of us are aware of. Shall they exist by toleration and license, or by law? Law is the better ruler, no doubt.

As respects the *matter* of the Book of Common Prayer, I would not change, by the slightest shade, a single principle of it. But I will confess, at the same time, a desire long entertained, that there may be in some respects a relaxation and variation in the manner of *using* that matter. I would change the rule of *use* in some cases, but not the substance. I would vary the combinations, but keep sacredly the same materials.

On the whole, I am prepared, with due regard to expediency in time, to consider propositions on their merits.

I fear, brethren, I have detained you too long, and now commend you to your business, and to the blessing of God.

CARLTON CHASE.

Rev. Thomas G. Salter asked leave of absence for the remainder of the session, which was granted.

The Committee on Finance reported.

The report of the Committee on Finance was adopted.

The Committee on Canons, appointed at the last Convention, presented a report.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the Canons were adopted as the Code of this Diocese.

On motion, proceeded to choose a Treasurer of the Convention by ballot. John Whipple, Esq., was elected.

The Rev. Dr. Burroughs proposed the following amendment of the Fifth Article of the Constitution, which was ordered to lie over to the next Convention: Strike out "to be chosen by the Vestry or the Congregation," and insert, to be chosen by each Parish at their annual meeting; and in case of the inability of any delegate so chosen to attend, his place may be supplied by the Rector and Wardens; and their certificate shall be signed by the Clerk, the Rector, or one of the Wardens of the Parish.

On motion, voted to adjourn to to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

THURSDAY, May 29.

The Convention met at 8 o'clock, A. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were offered by the President.

The Secretary read the minutes, which were approved.

On motion, the business of the Convention was suspended that the members might attend the meeting of the Board of Missions.

The Convention resumed its business.

On motion, the President was requested to appoint a committee to prepare a statement of the condition of the Church in this Diocese, to be presented to the General Convention at its next triennial meeting.

Rev. Dr. Burroughs and Rev. Dr. Marble were appointed.

On motion, the Report on Finance was referred back to the committee for amendment.

On motion, Messrs. Ide, Grannis and Briggs were excused from further attendance on the Convention.

The Committee on Finance made an amended report, as follows:

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Committee on Finance have examined the Treasurer's account for the past year, and find the same correctly stated, and properly vouched. They recommend that the following sums be assessed on the several parishes, to defray the current expenses of the Convention, viz.:

St. John's Church, Portsmouth,	$21,75
Union Church, Claremont,	9,75
Trinity Church, Claremont,	7,87
St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	7,12
St. Paul's Church, Concord,	7,13
Trinity Church, Cornish,	6,75
St. Peter's Church, Drewsville,	1,00
Grace Church, Plainfield,	1,00
St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	1,50
St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	1,50
Christ's Church, Salmon Falls,	1,00
St. Michael's Church, Manchester,	7,13
St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	1,50
	$75,00

The Treasurer's account of the Bishop's Fund has been examined; by which it appears that there is now in the Treasurer's hands the sum of $18,79.

The Finance Committee further recommend that the following

sums be assessed on the several parishes toward the salary of the Bishop for the year ensuing, viz.:

St. John's Church, Portsmouth, (including tythes,)	$93,75
Union Church, Claremont, (including tythes,)	51,25
Trinity Church, Claremont,	26,25
St. Michael's Church, Manchester,	21,25
St. Paul's Church, Concord,	22,50
St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	25,00
Trinity Church, Cornish,	10,00
	$250,00

The above sums to be paid into the treasury previous to January 1, 1857.

The Finance Committee also find the Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions for the past year correctly stated, and properly vouched.

All which is respectfully submitted.

I. G. HUBBARD, *Chairman.*

On motion, the amended Report of the Committee on Finance was adopted.

By order of the President, the Parochial Reports were presented and read.

TRINITY CHURCH, CLAREMONT.

RT. REV. CARLTON CHASE, D. D., RECTOR.

Baptised 10; of whom one was an adult. Confirmed, 6. Communicants, 180. Marriages, 4. Died, 6; of whom three were communicants. The number of deaths is just half of what it was last year. The Sunday School continues in about the same condition as when last reported, having about fifty regular and irregular attendants. Some additions have been made to the library, which now contains upwards of 300 volumes, and is as large as the purposes of juvenile use require. The older members of the school avail themselves of the advantages presented by the parish library. The school continues to be under the oversight of one of the Church Wardens — is conducted judiciously, and may be considered prosperous and useful. An addition of 40 volumes has been made to the parish library, which now contains 120 volumes.

Collection for Diocesan Missions, $26,50. Advent Collec-

tion for General Domestic Missions, $25. Epiphany Collection for Foreign Missions, $15.

The building debt, which is now about $650, remains the same as at last report. There is a great anxiety in many minds that an effort should be made to raise the means for paying it. I trust this will be done before time shall call for another report.

The parish may be represented as in a prosperous state. More regular sittings have been taken in Church this year than ever before. It is much to be regretted that certain questions with regard to property between this and its sister parish in the west part of the town, have not been long ago arranged. There is in the town a valuable Glebe, designed by the provincial government before the Revolution for the support of the Protestant Episcopal Communion in Claremont. From an early period the entire rents of this have been received and enjoyed by Union Church. Trinity Church claims a moiety of the income from the time of its own organization, twelve years ago. This claim the parishioners of Trinity sorrowfully think has not been regarded in a fraternal or equitable spirit by the members of the other corporation. The matter is mentioned here on account of its important connection with the state of Trinity Church.

The Rector continues to hold a weekly lecture in the large rooms of his dwelling, where all who are disposed to attend are welcomed and accommodated.

The Rector thinks it not improper to mention, that during the last Christmas season he had on different evenings two assemblages at his house, of a very interesting character. The first was of the children of the parish, who, he hopes, will long remember the pleasant and profitable hours. The other was of the adult portion of the flock. To the Rector and his family these gatherings were exceedingly agreeable — tending, too, as is believed, to strengthen the ties of tender regard between pastor and flock.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH.

REV. CHARLES BURROUGHS, D. D., RECTOR.

From May 30, 1855, *to May* 28, 1856.

Number of families, about 120. Baptisms: Infants, 7; Adults, 3; Total, 10. Funerals: Infants, 1; Adults, 11; Total, 12. Marriages, 10 couples. Communicants, 118; Confirmed, 11; Sunday Scholars, 50; Sunday School Library, 450 vols.; Parish Library, 570 vols.

Contributions: Bishop's salary, $93,75; Christmas Collections, $48,20; For Portsmouth and Norfolk sufferers, $130,00; Ladies' Missionary Society in Aug., $120,00; Ladies' Missionary Society in May, $110,00; Communion Sundays, $58,36; Advent Collection for Domestic Missions, $28,12; Epiphany Collection for Foreign Missions, $36,97; Diocesan Missions, Easter Sunday, $34,67; for Jews, $5,00. Whole amount of Contributions, $675,07.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MANCHESTER.

REV. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, RECTOR.

Baptisms: children, 11; adults, 2; total, 13. Confirmations, 16. Communicants: added (by removal, 8, anew 13,) 21; removed, 7; died, 3; present number, 81. Marriages, 8; burials, 13. Communion collections, $105,90; other collections, $64,62. Sunday School collections, $10,00. Paid towards parsonage debt, $53,00; for furnishing parsonage with gas, $35,00 — whole amount, $268,52.

The collections were appropriated as follows: Christmas offering for Domestic Missions, $25,00; Easter offering for Foreign Missions, $45,00; for Diocesan Missions, $11,00. Of the Sunday School collection: $5,00 to the African Mission, and $5,00 to Rev. Mr. Breck's Mission among the Indians. To the Church Book Society, $6,00; to the church in Pontiac, Mich., $2,00; towards Bishop's salary, $18,50; in alms to the poor, $29,92; for Sunday School Books, $5,79; other parish objects, including wine for Holy Communion, Convention assessments, &c., $27,06.

The parish has made decided improvement, both in numbers and stability, during the year. The increased contributions to Missionary objects are an evidence, the Rector trusts, of growing zeal. He is happy to bear witness to the readiness of many of his people to afford him personal assistance in parochial work; and he gratefully acknowledges their many kindnesses towards himself. The Sunday School is larger and more regularly attended than ever before. The deficiency of teachers, noticed in the last report, is now fully supplied. There are 10 teachers (besides the Rector, who superintends,) and about 80 scholars. Services are held in church on all the great Festivals and Fasts. During Lent, lectures were delivered in a convenient room in the city, on Friday evenings, which were well attended. The Ladies' Society continues its praiseworthy labors. It fails, however, to enlist that general coöperation which is desirable, and which might reasona-

bly be expected; and thus an important means of social and benevolent influence is impaired. On the whole, there is very much in the condition of the parish to be grateful for, and to inspire confidence for the future.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, HANOVER.

REV. EDWARD BOURNS, LL. D., MISSIONARY.

The services of this Church have been, during the past year, regularly sustained, in connexion with that of Norwich, Vt., and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered on the first Sunday of every second month. The attendance has been very good, varying, of course, with the weather, and the College terms and vacations, as several of the students belong to our congregation.

A monthly collection has been taken up sufficient to pay the ordinary current expenses for fuel, &c.; besides which, we sent $3 to the Domestic Missions — a small sum, considering how much we have received from them, but we hope to do more in future.

The Sunday School has been more than usually prosperous. The teachers are all zealous and prompt, and the scholars numerous and attentive. The winter, and the absence of some teachers during a long vacation, has lately thinned our numbers, but we have begun to revive. Through the agency of one of our very efficient teachers, we have received a large and highly valuable gift of books for our School, which were most acceptable and useful. The ladies of St. Anne's, Lowell, have also given us a large, handsome silver alms-basin. They protest against any public acknowledgment of this gift, but our duty to ourselves compels us at least to express our deep sense of their considerate kindness.

We have lost one member of our congregation by death, and a large family by removal; but have otherwise had so many things to encourage us that we have thought the time had come when we might hope to build a new church. The ladies of the congregation, on the 4th of July last, held a festival, to raise funds for this purpose. Their committee of ladies and gentlemen were indefatigable; our neighbors, of all denominations, were most kind and generous; the effort was highly successful; the utmost good feeling prevailed, and about $140 were cleared. A subscription list has been opened, and several names have been liberally signed. Our Warden, Dr. Thomas R. Crosby, also visited Boston last Fall, in behalf of this object, but, owing to

the unfavorable state of money affairs at that time, was not very successful. We trust, however, that this good work, though it may be delayed, will ultimately, and before long, be accomplished. We have been favored during the year with visits from the Rev. E. Livermore, Rev. C. L. Putnam, and the Rev. Dr. Edson. They each gave us an excellent discourse, and cheered us by their warm, cordial sympathy. We have been, as usual, greatly indebted to our organist and choir, for their cheerful, regular and efficient services.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, DOVER.

REV. THOMAS G. SALTER, RECTOR.

Baptisms: adults, 3; infants, 7; total, 10. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 7. Funerals, 3. Communicants added, 2; removed, 2; present number, 51. Sunday School teachers, 8; scholars, 44. Contributions: Diocesan Missions, $20,00; Foreign, $5,00; for Sunday School purposes, (including penny collections,) $27,81; Alms, $21,79; Assessment for Bishop's salary, $25,00; total, $99,60. To this may be added, for paying debts on church, and repairs of the building, $500,00; for incidental expenses, $96,61—$596,61; full total, $696,21.

The Sunday School is in excellent condition. For this we are greatly indebted to Mr. B. W. Watson, of Salmon Falls, who has kindly and deeply interested himself in the welfare of the School, having, at considerable self-sacrifice, given his regular attendance and assistance for several months past.

The general character of the parish has changed but little since my last report. We have still to lament the want of regular and zealous attendance upon church services. The truth is, Dover is preëminently a *Godless* city. Probably not more than one-third of the inhabitants attend any place of public worship; and, were it not for God's promised "bow in the clouds," we should have reason to expect another local "deluge," with but a very small ark to hold the number of the faithful.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CONCORD.

REV. NEWTON E. MARBLE, D. D., RECTOR.

Baptisms: adults, 1; infants, 7. Confirmed, 7. Communicants: removed, 10; added, 7; present number, 69. Sunday School: teach-

ers, 10; scholars, 47. Marriages, 12. Burials, 4. Collections: Missions — Diocesan, $6,00; Domestic, $33,69; Foreign, $33,00. Sunday School Library, $9,78; parish purposes, $69,16; miscellaneous, $39,76; total, $191,39. Communion offerings, $57,27.

This parish has suffered severely during the past year from removals. Several families, and a number of enterprising young men, have left us. But they are not lost to the church. Some of them are actively engaged in founding new, or in sustaining feeble parishes. And we have good reason to hope that we shall recover what we have lost in due time. What we feel most severely now, is the delaying the enlargement of our church.

Services have been held during the past year on the principal Festival and Fast days. There has also been a Wednesday evening lecture a part of the year, and a ladies' Bible class on Friday afternoon.

UNION CHURCH, CLAREMONT.

REV. H. S. SMITH, RECTOR.

Baptised one infant; communicants, 41; marriages, 2; burials, 7. Sunday school and Bible class, about the same as last year; though, for the first time, the instruction has been kept up through the winter by the Rector. Contributions: for Domestic Missions, $5,00; Foreign, $2,00; Diocesan, $2,40; alms, $6,89; for Sunday school books, $7,39. The Rector cannot vouch for the accuracy of the above number of communicants. I have heretofore reported from the list of names on the parish record, of persons who were entered as members of Union Church, by their own request, at the organization of Trinity parish; but several of these communicants have taken seats in Trinity Church, and are, in consequence, as I have recently been informed by the Rector, reported by him. How many are thus reported I have been unable to ascertain, though I have endeavored to reduce the number so low at this time as not to include any who may claim to be members of that parish.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, HOLDERNESS.

REV. J. R. PEIRCE, RECTOR.

The services of the Church have been regularly held in this place since the second Sunday in August. For fifteen years prior to that date, the annual visitation of the Bishop, and occasional services,

were the only opportunities enjoyed by this, the oldest station but one in the Diocese. During the months of August, September and October services were held alternately, on the Lord's day, at the old church at the upper part of the town, and in a house in the village, kindly granted to us for that purpose by the proprietors. Since the beginning of November the services have been confined to the village. In January, with the full approbation of the Bishop, a parish was organized under the name of St. Mark's Church.

The following are the statistics for the last ten months: Baptisms: Infants, 6; adults, 3; total, 9. Deaths, 1; Confirmations, 3. Communicants: Added, 4; removed, 1; present number, 19. Sunday school: Children, 25; teachers, 4. Communion offerings, $36,27.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, HOPKINTON.

REV. NICHOLAS F. LUDLUM, MISSIONARY.

One child and two adults baptized. Communicants: one removed, and two added; present number, 25. Confirmations, 2. One marriage. Burials, 2. Sunday School teachers, 3; scholars, 14. Contributions: Diocesan, $5,00; Domestic, $15,00; Foreign, $10,00; for other religious purposes, $18,41; total, $48,41.

The present position of the parish, as far as the greater portion of it is concerned, is decidedly good. That the parish may be prosperous, however, we need more of the active coöperation of the gentlemen of the parish.

The Friday evening services have been well attended, and I trust to the profit of those who use this means of grace.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, DREWSVILLE.

Communicants, 18. This church not having enjoyed the services of a pastor during the last year, cannot of course be represented under colors of improvement. There is reason to be thankful if no great decay or declension is visible — though a retention of condition is scarcely to be expected. Arrangements are making for the maintenance of lay reading at least. The Bishop spent with us the last Sunday in April.

The property of the parish, being the Church, parsonage, and Sprague Library, is in a state of good repair.

TRINITY CHURCH, CORNISH.

Communicants, 17. The Rev. Mr. Johnson, to whose engagement for service reference was made in the last report, gives the following notes of his labors:

"With the exception of a few Sundays, I held service and catechized the children at 5 o'clock, P. M., from May 13th to Sept. 23d, inclusive. Baptisms: children, 2. Burials, 2. Communion twice; (once in private to a sick person.) Communion alms, $2,00 — appropriated to Domestic Missions."

The Bishop's visitation was on the second Sunday in May. This Church, it is believed, has promptly paid the assessments of the Convention. Under an arrangement with the Rev. Mr. Randolph, this parish will be favored with an afternoon service every Lord's day.

GRACE CHURCH, PLAINFIELD.

Communicants, 12. This Church is still destitute of a minister, though a strong desire is entertained for the privileges of word and ordinances. The Rev. Mr. Wright, whom these people were delighted to see again, though it were only for a short time, spent a Sunday here last Autumn. Our Bishop also gave us the second Sunday in May. Arrangements, it is hoped, are in progress for securing the services of a Clergyman a portion of the time.

On motion, proceeded to choose a lay delegate to the next General Convention in the place of the Hon. Mace Moulton, who declines.

Justus D. Watson, Esq., was elected.

On motion — *Voted*, That four hundred and fifty copies of the Journal of this Convention be printed.

The minutes were read and approved.

There being no further business to be transacted, the Convention, after prayers offered by the President, adjourned *sine die*.

Attest: NEWTON E. MARBLE,
Secretary.

APPENDIX.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

ARTICLE 1. The Protestent Episcopal Church in New-Hampshire, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to, recognizes and adopts the General Constitution and Canons of that Church, and acknowledges its authority.

ART. 2. There shall be a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of this Diocese, on the last Wednesday of May, in each year, at such hour and place as the Convention shall determine.

ART. 3. The Bishop shall have power to call Special Conventions, when he shall judge it convenient to the good of the Church, and shall do so, when applied to for that purpose by the Standing Committee. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee shall have power to call a Special Convention.

ART. 4. Every Convention shall be opened with prayers and the celebration of the Lord's Supper; and it shall be the duty of the Bishop either to deliver a charge or sermon, or to appoint one of his clergy to preach, at the opening of each Convention. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee shall appoint the preacher.

ART. 5. The Convention shall be composed of the officiating ministers, who shall have been regularly admitted and settled in some Church within this Diocese which is in union with this Convention; and of lay members, consisting of not exceeding three delegates from each Church, to be chosen by the vestry or the congregation; and of clergymen, employed as missionaries, under the direction of this Convention, or of the Board of Domestic Missions of the General Convention; and of clergymen, engaged as Pro-

fessors or Instructors of youth, and of chaplains in the army or navy of the United States holding a canonical residence in this Diocese; and of ministers, whose age and infirmities prevent them from exercising their clerical functions: Provided that all such clergymen shall have resided the six previous months in this Diocese.

ART. 6. The members of the Convention present, provided there shall be at least four regularly settled clergymen, and three laymen of three different churches, who shall be present, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but if there shall be only two clergymen and two laymen present, they shall have power to adjourn.

ART. 7. The Bishop shall preside ex officio in the Convention; but in case of his absence, or of a vacancy of the Episcopate, the members shall elect a President from among the clergy.

ART. 8. A Secretary shall be chosen by ballot, upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, and said Secretary, so chosen and accepting, shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention, or until a successor shall be appointed. His duty shall be to take minutes of the proceedings; to publish, soon after the Convention, the said minutes; to attest the public acts of the body; and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor all books and papers which may be in his possession, relative to the concerns of the Convention. It shall be also his duty to give due notice to each minister of the Diocese, and where there is no minister in any parish, to a warden thereof, of the time and place appointed for the meeting of the succeeding Convention.

ART. 9. In all matters which shall come before the Convention, the clergy and laity shall deliberate in one body. But if, in any case, it be required by three voters, the two orders shall vote separately, the laity by parishes; and the concurrence of a majority of each order shall be necessary to constitute a decision. All elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered.

ART. 10. Whenever a bishop shall be chosen for the Church of this Diocese, the Convention shall vote by orders. The clergy, provided a majority entitled to seats shall be present, shall proceed to choose by ballot some suitable presbyter to be a Bishop, and a majority of votes shall determine the choice; and thereupon the name of the presbyter chosen shall be communicated to the lay delegates, provided a majority of the parishes in the Diocese shall then be represented; and if, on ballot, the said choice be approved by a majority of votes, the presbyter so chosen shall be declared duly elected Bishop.

ART. 11. No clergyman shall be suspended, or receive any public censure from the Bishop or Standing Committee of this Diocese, without having been adjudged thereto in the way provided for by the Canons.

ART. 12. This Constitution shall not be subject to alterations, except at the Annual Convention, nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed at least one annual meeting previous to its adoption. The mode of altering this Constitution shall be as follows: Propositions for amendment

shall be introduced in writing and considered in the Convention, and, if approved, shall lie over to the next Convention; and if again approved in such next Convention by a majority of the orders voting thereon separately, the change shall take place, and the Constitution so altered shall be valid and obligatory.

CANONS.

CANON 1.

OF THE CLERICAL LIST.

SECTION 1. Within one week before every Convention, the Bishop or the President of the Standing Committee shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, a list of the Clergymen of this Church canonically resident in this diocese; annexing the names of their respective parishes, or the nature of their employment, or, if not employed, their places of residence; provided, that no suspended clergyman shall have a place on said list.

SEC. 2. The list aforesaid shall be laid before the Convention on the first day of its session, and shall be *prima facie* evidence of the right of any clergyman to a seat in the Convention.

CANON 2.

OF LAY DELEGATES.

Every parish in union with this Convention shall be entitled to three lay delegates. A certificate of their appointment at a regular parish meeting, signed by the parish clerk or by the clergyman, or by one of the wardens, shall, before their admission to seats, be laid before the Convention; provided, that no person shall be competent to serve as lay delegate who is not a stated worshipper in the parish he represents.

CANON 3.

OF THE PARISH REGISTER AND REPORT.

SEC. 1. Every clergyman shall keep a register of all baptisms, confirmations, communicants, marriages and burials within his parish. It shall specify the name of the child baptized, the names of the parents, and sponsors, the time of the birth, the names of the adults baptized, and of their witnesses, the names of the parties married, the names and ages of the persons buried, and time when each rite was performed. It shall also contain a list of the communicants, of the families and adult persons of the parish, and an accurate list of the persons confirmed, and the Bishop officiating at each confirmation.

SEC. 2. Every clergyman, or, if the parish be vacant, the wardens, shall cause to be presented, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, to the President or Secretary of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals, and of the communicants, (distinguishing the additions, removals, and deaths,) in his parish; also, of the condition of the Sunday School, of the amount of communion alms, of the contributions for missions, diocesan, domestic, and foreign; for parochial schools, for church purposes in general, and any other matters illustrating the condition of the church. If any clergyman shall be without parochial charge, he shall report the occasional services he may have rendered, or, if he have performed no ministerial duties, the causes or reasons which have prevented.

CANON 4.

OF THE DIOCESAN REPORT.

A Committee of the Convention shall be appointed, at the meeting next before the General Convention, to prepare a condensed report and tabular view of the state of the Church in this diocese, subject to the approbation of the Bishop, agreeable to the recommendation of the twelfth canon of 1853.

CANON 5.

OF PARISH MEETINGS.

The wardens, vestrymen, parish clerk and delegates to the Convention shall be elected by the parishoners at the annual parish meeting, in Easter week, and shall continue in office till another election. In cases of expediency, a special meeting may be held for that purpose.

CANON 6.

OF THE WARDENS AND VESTRYMEN.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the church wardens, (who ought to be communicants,) to assist the clergyman in promoting the general interests of the parish; to take care that the church building and yard be kept in good repair, decently fenced, clean, as becomes the house of God, and sacred from secular uses; to provide a Prayer Book and Bible of suitable size, and a surplice and other furniture; to make the collections in churches; to furnish the bread and wine for the celebration of the Lord's Supper; to procure a suitable book for keeping the records of the parish; to preserve order during divine service; and, in case of a vacancy in the parish, to preside, according to seniority, at the meetings of the vestry and of the congregation, and to secure occasional clerical services, or lay reading for the edification of the church.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the vestrymen, with the wardens, to take charge of the property of the church, and to transact the temporal busi-

ness pertaining to the parish; to elect and call a clergyman, and provide promptly for his maintenance, and in the absence of the wardens to perform the several duties specially pertaining to them.

SEC. 3. No meeting of the vestry shall be had, unless at least three days notice has been given by the Clerk, at the request of the Rector, or one of the wardens. The Rector, or one of the Wardens, and a majority of the vestrymen shall constitute a quorum.

CANON 7.

OF THE SECRETARY OF THE CONVENTION.

The Secretary shall annually send to the Bishops of this church in the United States, and to the Secretary of the last "House of Clerical and Lay Deputies" and to the Secretary of every diocesan Convention, a copy of the journal of this diocese; requesting the last mentioned to send copies of their respective journals in exchange. He shall also transmit to each General Convention a certificate, signed by himself, containing the names of the clergymen of the diocese, of the nominated trustees of the General Theological Seminary, and of the appointed clerical and lay deputies. In case of a vacancy in this office, its duties shall be discharged by the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

CANON 8.

OF THE TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

At each regular Convention a Treasurer shall be chosen by ballot, and shall remain in office till a successor is appointed. It shall be his duty to collect and disburse all moneys authorized or assessed by the Convention, the management of which is not otherwise provided for, and to render an annual account of the same to the Convention. In case of a vacancy in this office, it shall be filled by an appointment made by the Standing Committee, till a new election.

CANON 9.

OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

SEC. 1. In accordance with the fourth Canon of the General Convention of 1832, at every stated meeting of the Convention, a Standing Committee, consisting of three clergymen and three lay communicants, shall be chosen by ballot, and by the concurrent votes of the members of each order. The Committee shall meet as soon as possible after election, and choose from their own body a President and Secretary, the former being a presbyter; all the members having been duly cited, a majority shall constitute a quorum. They shall perform the duties assigned them by the Canons of the General and Diocesan Conventions. Their proceedings shall be reported at each regular Convention, and recorded by the Secretary of the Convention.

SEC. 2. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, or the inability or disability of the Bishop, the powers and duties pertaining to the Bishop, in matters of discipline, shall belong to the Standing Committee; provided, that when such powers and duties are specially delegated or enjoined upon the clerical members of the Standing Committee, they shall be exercised by said Committee alone; provided, also, that no sentence shall be pronounced upon a clergyman except by a Bishop.

SEC. 3. In the case above mentioned, also, the Standing Committee shall have power to call a special Convention, by a circular letter, addressed to the Rectors and Wardens of the several churches; provided, that no other business than that specified in said letter shall come before such Convention. The members of the Standing Committee shall continue in office till their successors are appointed.

CANON 10.

OF THE DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

SEC. 1. The Convention, at each regular meeting, shall elect by ballot of both orders, collectively, four clergymen, having parishes, and four laymen, who are communicants, to act as Deputies from this Diocese to the General Convention. It shall also elect, in like manner, four of each order, of similar qualifications, as provisional Deputies. They shall hold their respective offices till successors are appointed.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Deputies elect to signify to the Bishop, at least a fortnight before the meeting of the General Convention, their acceptance of the appointment and their intention to perform its duties; in default of which the Bishop shall designate, from the list of provisional Deputies, as many as may be necessary to ensure a full representation of the diocese; and the persons so designated, being furnished with the certificate of the Bishop, shall possess the full powers of deputies of this Convention. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, or the inability of the Bishop, the provisional Deputies may be designated by the Standing Committee.

CANON 11.

OF THE UNION OF A CHURCH WITH THE CONVENTION.

In order to the union of a new parish with this Convention, a certificate of its organization, signed by the parish Clerk, or by the Rector, or by one of the Wardens, shall be laid before the Convention; also a certificate of the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop who can act in the matter, of the majority of the Standing Committee, approving of its organization; provided, that when such parish is within the limits of a city or town already having a church or churches in connection with this Convention, the consent of the clerical and lay authorities of said church or churches shall first be obtained, unless the Bishop and Convention shall otherwise determine.

CANON 12.

OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

SEC. 1. The fund for the support of the Episcopate, now or hereafter accumulated, together with the proceeds thereof, shall be entrusted to the care of "The Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New-Hampshire," incorporated in 1846. Said Trustees, when required, shall exhibit a statement of the condition and securities of the fund to the Convention.

SEC. 2. If the income from the Bishop's Fund is not sufficient for the payment of his salary, the deficiency shall be supplied by such assessments on the different parishes, as may be recommended by the Annual Finance Committee.

CANON 13.

OF DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

All clergymen entitled to seats in the Convention, together with either of the lay delegates from each parish in union with the Convention, shall constitute the Board of Missions; provided, that the parishes to which said clergymen and laymen belong contribute annually to diocesan missions. The Bishop shall be *ex officio* President of the Board, and the appointment of all Missionaries must receive his consent. Three members, two at least being presbyters, shall constitute a quorum. The Board shall have power, in the absence of the Bishop, to elect a chairman *pro tem.* Also to appoint a Secretary, and a Treasurer, to make its own by-laws, to hold stated Convocations, with the consent of the Bishop, and to employ missionaries and render assistance to parishes, according to the means provided. It shall be the agent of the Convention for the receipt and disbursement of the funds, collected by its authority for this object, and for the distribution of Prayer Books, Bibles, &c., where needed. At the Annual Convention it shall make a full report of its proceedings.

SEC. 2. An annual collection shall be made in all the churches of this diocese, on Easter Sunday, or when the Rector may appoint, for the extension of the church in the diocese.

CANON 14.

OF LAY DISCIPLINE.

SEC. 1. If a communicant offend his brother by any wickedness of life, he shall be suspended from communion; and if, after admonition and a reasonable trial, he fails to give satisfactory evidence of repentance, he shall be repelled and notified thereof.

A communicant, neglecting public worship or the holy Communion for the space of twelve months, without a reason satisfactory to the parish clergyman, shall, after admonition, be liable to suspension.

SEC. 2. The rule for the settlement of differences and animosities arising between communicants, shall be that prescribed by our Saviour in the

18th Chap. of St. Matthew, the 15th, 16th and 17th verses. If the party aggrieved refuses to follow this rule, he shall cease to complain of injuries to the disturbance of the church's peace; in default of which he may, after admonition, be suspended. When any person is complained of to the clergyman, in accordance with the above rule, if, after ministerial admonition, he continues obdurate, and persists in the injury he has done, he shall be repelled.

SEC. 3. In all cases of repulsion from communion, notice shall be given to the Bishop, as required by the rubric; provided, that a layman so repelled, if visited with dangerous sickness, may, at the discretion of the clergyman, on profession of sincere repentance and charity, be restored.

CANON 15.

OF PERSONS REPELLED FROM COMMUNION.

In case of complaint made to the Bishop, by a person repelled from communion, as contemplated in Sec. 2d, Canon 42d, of the General Convention of 1832, "it shall be the duty of the Bishop, unless he thinks fit to restore such person, from the insufficiency of the cause assigned" by the repelling clergyman, to institute an inquiry, by appointing a commission consisting of one presbyter and two lay communicants, whose duty it shall be to hold an examination of persons and papers. The presbyter in said commission who shall be its chairman, shall appoint a time and place within the parish to which the repelled person belongs, for holding the inquiry, of which time and place reasonable notice shall be given to the person repelled and to the repelling clergyman. Facts having been inquired into and an opinion formed by the Commission, the same shall be reported to the Bishop, who, if he approve, shall make it known to the respective parties; and by this decision they shall be governed. If the Bishop do not approve, he may take measures for a reïnquiry.

CANON 16.

OF PENAL CLERICAL OFFENCES.

Disorderly and immoral conduct; vicious or unseemly diversions; neglect of duty; disregard of the Constitution and Canons of the General or Diocesan Conventions; a deviation from the rubrics; disseminating or countenancing opinions which are contrary to the doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, or separation from her communion, are offences for which a clergyman may be brought to trial.

CANON 17.

OF THE TRIAL OF A CLERGYMAN.

SEC. 1. In order to bring a clergyman to trial before an ecclesiastical court, a charge shall first be made to the Standing Committee, in writing, signed by at least five male communicants in good and regular standing,

embracing the facts alleged, with the witnesses and other evidence to prove the same. If, in the opinion of the Committee, the accusation is weighty, and its further investigation required for the good of the Church, they shall, as privately as possible, hold a preliminary inquiry for the purpose of weighing the evidence. Notice shall be duly given to the accused, both of the charge, and of the time and place of holding the inquiry; at which, with his consent, witnesses may be examined under oath. If the proof appears sufficient to the Committee to warrant a trial, they shall cause a presentment of the case to be made to the Bishop, charging the respondent with the offence or offences contained in the evidence, and specifying the facts with reasonable certainty as to time, place, and circumstances.

SEC. 2. If at this, or any other stage of the proceedings, the accused shall confess the truth of the charges, the Bishop shall proceed to pass sentence.

SEC. 3. On receiving the presentment above mentioned, the Bishop shall cause to be inscribed on a list the names of twelve presbyters, drawn by lot from the whole number of those belonging to, and employed in the diocese, (excepting the accused; those, if any, presenting, and those on the Standing Committee,) or, if there are not more than twelve, as above, in the diocese, then he shall cause to be so inscribed the whole number thus remaining; and shall provide that a copy of said list and of the presentment be forthwith served on the accused, or left at his usual place of residence. Of these names the accused shall strike off, within thirty days, one half of the number over six, (or one more if it be not an even number,) and give notice to the Bishop. He shall thereupon send a list of the remaining presbyters to the President of the Standing Committee, who shall, within thirty days, strike off from said list, till only six remain, and give notice to the Bishop. Should either party fail to notify the Bishop, as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to strike off for said party, according to the above rule. The remaining six presbyters shall constitute the Council for the trial of the accused.

SEC. 4. The Council shall hold its session at such time, and place, and in public or in private, as the Bishop may appoint. A written notice of the time and place of meeting of the Council shall be served on the accused, or left at his usual place of abode, at least thirty days before such meeting; and the like notice shall be given to the Standing Committee, who, by their President, or some one whom they may appoint to perform that office, shall collect and present the evidence, and otherwise appear in behalf of the prosecution. The accused, also, shall be allowed the privilege of counsel under such regulations as the Council may prescribe.

SEC. 5. The Council shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, within the diocese. If it fail to meet on the day appointed, it shall stand adjourned to the next day, and from day to day, for the space of three days, if not sooner formed; and if the whole number do not attend, and it appears probable that a full attendance can not be had,

those of the Council who may be present, being not less than four, shall appoint a President and Secretary; the first from their own body, and the latter from their own body or otherwise; and before proceeding to trial shall ordain and declare the rules by which they will be governed. It shall cause the oral testimony, on both sides, to be written down by the Secretary, and, along with the depositions and other evidence adduced, to be carefully preserved; and shall cause a journal to be kept of its proceedings. Some officer, authorized by law, may be called upon by the Council to administer an oath or affirmation to the witnesses, and, upon all questions, the Common Law shall furnish the rule, and the concurrence of a majority shall be sufficient for a decision.

SEC. 6. The Council, after it shall be organized, may appoint one or more of the profession of the Law to be its assessors; who may be present at all its proceedings. It shall be their duty to give to the Council an opinion upon any question which may arise, upon which the Council or any member thereof, or the prosecuting or accused party, shall desire an opinion, but without any voice in the decision of any question.

SEC. 7. If the accused do not appear at the time appointed, the Council may proceed to trial in his absence, or, for good cause shown, may adjourn the trial to another day; and if he then fail to appear, the Council shall report him to the Bishop for contumacy, who thereupon shall pass upon him sentence of suspension from the ministry; but such sentence may be revised by the Bishop, if the accused within three calendar months shall report to him that he is prepared for trial, and shall appear for that end before the Council; and if he does not so report and appear, the Bishop, in view of the charges in the presentment, may pass upon him sentence of degradation from the ministry.

SEC. 8. If the attendance of a material witness can not be had, the Bishop shall, on application of either party, appoint a Commissioner to take the deposition of such witness, and the party applying shall give to the other party full and sufficient notice, of which the Bishop shall be judge, of the time and place of taking the deposition, and of the principal points upon which the witness is to be examined. The deposition shall be signed by the witness, and certified by the Commissioner under seal to the Council.

SEC. 9. When the trial shall be ended, the Council shall declare in a writing to be signed by the several members, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether they find the accused guilty or not guilty—and if guilty, suggesting what sentence in their opinion ought to be pronounced. They shall forward their decision, together with the evidence and the proceedings, to the Bishop; whereupon, if the accused be found guilty, the Bishop shall pronounce such sentence as shall to him appear proper, not exceeding that suggested by the Council, and such sentence shall be final. But if, in such case, in the opinion of the Bishop, the accused ought to have a new trial, he shall have power to award it; in which case, a new Council shall be con-

stituted, as hereinbefore provided, (excluding the members of the former Council) before which the proceedings shall be conducted, as before provided.

SEC. 10. It shall be the duty of the Bishop to report to the Convention, at its next session after the trial of a Clergyman, as herein provided, the finding of the Council and his sentence thereupon.

SEC. 11. Nothing herein contained shall be regarded as interfering with the duty of the Bishop, or the clerical members of the Standing Committee, to institute an inquiry, according to the provisions of Canon 37 of 1832, of the General Convention. And whenever either of the parties aforesaid, after such inquiry, shall be of opinion that there is just ground for the public rumors referred to in said Canon, they shall present a charge accordingly, in writing, to the Standing Committee, stating the facts and the evidence to establish them, and thereupon such further proceedings shall be had as are herein directed.

CANON 18.

OF CONTROVERSIES BETWEEN PARISHES.

In case of controversy or difference between parishes or churches, the Standing Committee of the diocese shall constitute and be a session of arbitration for the adjustment of the same, according to the Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and the principles of equity and justice. A presentment may be made by either party to the Bishop, setting forth its claims, with a general statement of the evidence to support them, and requesting an investigation by canonical authority. On receiving such presentment the Bishop shall transmit a copy of the same to the President of the Standing Committee, who, as soon as may be, shall proceed to summon the Standing Committee to meet, at a time and place appointed by the Bishop, to act in the case presented. The Bishop shall, also, at least one month before the day so appointed, cause a notice to be given to the Clerk or one of the Wardens of the respective parishes in controversy, of the said time and place, together with copies of the presentment, and with citations to appear each on its proper part. If on points of law the Standing Committee shall desire the assistance and counsel of a lay assessor, the Bishop shall appoint some suitable person to act as such, it being understood that his office is simply suggestive and advisory, and not authoritative.

After a fair and full hearing of the parties, the Committee shall proceed to make up a judgment on the question or questions at issue, which judgment, being signed by a majority of the Committee, shall be sealed up and delivered to the Bishop; who, if he approve the same, shall, within a reasonable time, make it known to the parties respectively. In case the Bishop shall not approve the judgment, he shall have power to order a new session of arbitration any time within six months. A judgment so rendered and approved shall be binding to all intents and purposes on the

respective parties, and if either of them shall not, within a reasonable time, comply with and conform to the said judgment, such parish shall forfeit its connection with the Convention, and all rights and privileges thereto pertaining.

CANON 19.

All former Canons, inconsistent with the foregoing, are hereby repealed.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BISHOP'S FUND.

There was due the Bishop $15,46, toward the payment of his salary, ending June, 1855.

The committee appointed to devise means for the payment of the Bishop's salary ending June, 1856, made an assessment of the following sums on the parishes within the Diocese: to wit,

St. John's Church, Portsmouth,	$93,75
Union Church, Claremont,	51,25
Trinity Church, Claremont,	26,25
St. Michael's Church, Manchester,	21,25
St. Paul's Church, Concord,	22,50
St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	25,00
Trinity Church, Cornish,	10,00
	$250,00

The Treasurer has received from

St. John's Church, Portsmouth,	$93,75
Union Church, Claremont,	51,25
Also, from Union Church, Claremont, in accordance with a vote passed at the last Convention, $37, being in full payment of arrearages due from said Church,	37,00
From Trinity Church, Claremont,	26,25
" St. Michael's Church, Manchester,	18,50
" St. Paul's Church, Concord,	22,50
" St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	25,00
" Trinity Church, Cornish,	10,00
" the Trustees of Donations,	200,00
Making, in the whole,	$484,25
There was a deficit of $15,46 of his salary ending June, 1855; added to his annual salary, makes	465,46
Which sum has been paid over to the Bishop, leaving in the hands of the Treasurer,	$18,79

There still remains due from Grace Church, Plainfield, $6; also, $2 from Trinity Church, Cornish.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN WHIPPLE, *Treasurer.*

CONCORD, May 28, 1856.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

May 30, 1855. Charges himself with cash received, for the purpose of defraying the expense of printing the Journals, &c., from

St. John's Church, Portsmouth,	$14,50
Union Church, Claremont,	6,50
Trinity Church, Claremont,	5,25
St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	4,75
St. Paul's Church, Concord,	4,75
Trinity Church, Cornish,	4,50
St. Peter's Church, Drewsville,	1,00
St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	1,00
St. Michael's Church, Manchester,	4,75
Christ Church, Salmon Falls,	2,00
St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	1,00
	$50,00

Which is accounted for as follows:

July 17, 1855.	Paid McFarland & Jenks,	50,00
Feb. 9, 1856.	Paid Express,	,50
" "	Paid Postages,	,66
May 7, 1856.	Paid N. E. Marble, for cash paid out,	4,78
	Due Treasurer, May 30, 1855,	,34
		$56,28

Leaving a balance due the Treasurer of $6,28.

Due from St. Peter's Church, Drewsville, $1,00; Grace Church, Plainfield, $2,00.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN WHIPPLE, *Treasurer.*

May 28, 1856.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

NATHANIEL B. BAKER,

Treasurer of the Board of Diocesan Missions.

Dr.			Cr.			
1855.				1855.		
May 30.	Cash on hand, as per report, . . .	$140,54		May 30.	By paid Rev. Dr. Bourns, as per order and receipt, . . .	$100,00
				Aug. 22.	By paid Rev. Mr. Ludlum, as per order and rec'pt,	40,00
				Nov. 19.	Cash paid balance to Bishop, . .	,54
		$140,54				$140,54

NEWTON E. MARBLE,

Treasurer of the Board of Diocesan Missions.

Dr.			Cr.
1856.			
May 28.	Received from Bishop Chase,* . . .	$60,04	
" "	From St. Andrew's, Hopkinton, . . .	5,00	
" "	St. Michael's, Manchester, . . .	11,00	
" "	Convention collection, ...	13,63	
" 29.	St. John's, Portsmouth, . . .	34,67	
		$124,34	

NEWTON E. MARBLE,
Treasurer of the Board of Diocesan Missions.

*The $60,04 paid by the Bishop to the Treasurer, was received from the following sources:

From the late Treasurer, ...	,54
" Mrs. E. A. Olcott, ...	2,00
" "L. L.,"	5,00
" St. Thomas' Church, Dover, ...	20,00
" St. Paul's Church, Concord, ...	6,00
" Trinity Church, Claremont, ...	26,50
	$60,04

CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE, 1856.

RT. REV. CARLTON CHASE, D. D., Bishop, and Rector of Trinity Church, Claremont.

REV. EDWARD BOURNS, LL. D., Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Hanover.

REV. CHARLES BURROUGHS, D. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Portsmouth.

REV. HENRY A. COIT, Rector of St. Paul's School, Concord.

REV. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Manchester.

REV. NICHOLAS F. LUDLUM, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton.

REV. NEWTON E. MARBLE, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Concord.

REV. THOMAS G. SALTER, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Dover.

REV. HENRY S. SMITH, Rector of Union Church, Claremont.

REV. JOSHUA R. PEIRCE, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Holderness.

REV. JOHN L. WATSON, D. D., Chaplain in the Navy of the United States, Portsmouth.

OFFICERS OF THE DIOCESE.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

REV. CHARLES BURROUGHS, D. D., President, Portsmouth.
REV. THOMAS G. SALTER, Secretary, Dover.
REV. ISAAC G. HUBBARD,
HON. CHARLES W. WOODMAN,
JOSHUA W. PEIRCE, ESQ.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

REV. CHARLES BURROUGHS, D. D.,
REV. EDWARD BOURNS, LL. D.,
REV. THOMAS G. SALTER,
REV. NEWTON E. MARBLE, D. D.,
JOSHUA W. PEIRCE, ESQ.,
JOHN WHIPPLE, ESQ.,
SIMEON IDE, ESQ.,
JUSTUS D. WATSON, ESQ.

BOARD OF DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, *ex-officio*, Chairman, Claremont.
REV. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, Secretary, Manchester.
REV. NEWTON E. MARBLE, D. D., Treasurer, Concord.

NOMINATED AS TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

REV. CHARLES BURROUGHS, D. D.,
JOSHUA W. PEIRCE, ESQ.

TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

JOHN WHIPPLE, ESQ., Concord.

SECRETARY OF THE CONVENTION.

REV. NEWTON E. MARBLE, D. D., Concord.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Towns.	Parishes.	Rectors.	Baptisms.			Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday Schools		Missionary Contributions.			Other Contributions for religious purposes.
			Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Added.	Died or removed.	Present number.				Teachers.	Scholars.	Diocesan.	Domestic.	Foreign.	
Claremont,	Trinity,	Rt. Rev. C. Chase, D. D.	9	1	10	6	3	130	6	4	6	...	50	$26,50	$25,00	$15,00	
Claremont,	Union,	Rev. H. S. Smith	1	..	1	..	....	41	..	2	7	...	48	2,40	5,00	2,00	$14,28
Cornish,	Trinity,	Vacant	2	..	..	..	....	17	..	..	2	...	...	.....	2,00		
Plainfield,	Grace,	Vacant	..	..	..	..	....	12									
Walpole, (Drewsville,)	St. Peter's,	Vacant	..	..	..	..	....	18									
Concord,	St. Paul's,	Rev. Newton E. Marble, D. D.,	7	1	8	7	10	69	7	12	4	10	47	6,00	33,69	33,00	175,97
Hopkinton,	St. Andrew's,	Rev. Nicholas F. Ludlum	1	2	3	2	1	25	2	1	2	3	14	5,00	15,00	10,00	18,41
Manchester,	St. Michael's,	Rev. I. G. Hubbard	11	2	13	21	10	81	16	8	13	...	...	11,00	30,00	50,00	177,27
Dover,	St. Thomas',	Rev. Thomas G. Salter	7	3	10	2	2	51	2	7	3	8	44	20,00	.....	5,00	671,21
Portsmouth,	St. John's,	Rev. Chas. Burroughs, D. D.	7	3	10	..	....	118	11	10	12	...	50	34,67	28,12	36,97	565,31
Hanover,	St. Thomas',	Rev. Edward Bourns, LL. D.	..	..	..	..	....	....	..	..	..	...	...	.....	3,00		
Holderness,	St. Mark's,	Rev. Joshua R. Peirce	6	3	9	4	1	19	3	..	1	4	25	.....	.....	.....	36,27
			51	15	64	42	27	581	47	44	50	25	278	105,57	141,81	151,97	1658,72

NOTICE.

THE Fifty-seventh Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of New-Hampshire, will be held in Trinity Church, Claremont, on the last Wednesday of May, 1857, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

NEWTON E. MARBLE,

Secretary of the Convention.

CONCORD, June 21, 1856.

Diocese of New-Hampshire.

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RULES OF ORDER.

1. Morning service of the Church shall be performed every day during the session of the Convention.

2. When the President takes the chair he shall call the Convention to order, and every member shall remain in his seat, unless he rise to address the chair.

3. The President shall speak to points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convention by any member.

4. When the Convention is equally divided, the President shall decide the question by his vote; and when his vote, if given to the minority, shall make an equal division, it shall also be his duty to vote, and in such case the question shall be lost.

5. When a member is about to speak upon any question, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat and address himself to the President.

6. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

7. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention without leave, if he be able to attend.

8. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave of the Convention, nor more than once, until every member wishing to speak shall have spoken.

9. Every member who shall be in the Convention when a question is put, shall give his vote, unless excused for special reasons before a division.

10. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President before being debated, and shall be reduced to writing, if so required by the President.

11. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone to a certain time, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely — which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged.

12. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order; that, and the motion to lay on the table, shall always be decided without debate.

13. When a motion has been decided in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member in the majority to move for a reconsideration thereof on the same day.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Fifty-seventh Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Hampshire met, agreeably to the resolve of the Fifty-sixth Annual Convention, in Trinity Church, Claremont, on Wednesday, the 27th day of May, A. D. 1857, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention was called to order by the Bishop of the Diocese.

The Rev. HENRY A. COIT was called upon, by the President, to act as Secretary of the Convention, *pro tem.*

A list of the clergy, canonically members of the Convention, was then called, and the following clergymen answered to their names, and took seats in the Convention:

Rt. Rev. CARLTON CHASE, D. D.;
Rev. EDWARD BOURNS, LL. D.;
Rev. FRANCIS CHASE;
Rev. HENRY A. COIT;
Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD;
Rev. NICHOLAS F. LUDLUM;
Rev. HENRY S. SMITH;
Rev. JOSHUA R. PEIRCE.

By order of the President, the certificates of the Lay Delegates were presented, and on motion, referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Joshua R. Peirce and Arnold Briggs, Esq., who subsequently reported the following persons as entitled to seats in the Convention:

Trinity Church, Claremont — Simeon Ide,* Arnold Briggs,* P. C. Freeman.*

St. Michael's Church, Manchester — O. W. Bayley, J. D. Watson,* G. L. Andrews.

* Present.

Trinity Church, Cornish — Seth Johnson, Horace G. P. Cross, Israel Hall.

Union Church, Claremont — Solon C. Grannis,* Alonzo Thomas,* Wm. Ellis.*

St. Paul's Church, Concord — Ebenezer Symmes, John Whipple,* Horace A. Brown.*

St. John's Church, Portsmouth — Joshua W. Peirce, Albert R. Hatch, Lyman D. Spaulding.*

St. Thomas' Church, Hanover — Ll W. Hixon,* John Davis,* E. C. Brabble.

On motion, proceeded to choose a Secretary by ballot. Mr. Horace A. Brown, of Concord, was elected.

Resolved, That clergymen officiating in this Diocese, not canonically members of this Convention, and clergymen of other Dioceses, and candidates for Orders, who may be present, be admitted to seats in this Convention.

Under this resolution the Rev. Joel Clapp, D. D., and the Rev. Thomas L. Randolph, of the Diocese of Vermont, and the Rev. Edward Ballard, of the Diocese of Connecticut, took seats in the Convention.

On motion, the Rules of Order for last year were adopted for the government of the Convention.

On motion, Hon. Josiah Minot, of Concord, and Justus D. Watson, of Manchester, were elected and confirmed as members of the Board of Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New-Hampshire.

An application from St. Luke's Church, Nashua, for admission into union with this Convention, was made by the Rev. Mr. Peirce, of Holderness, who read the Rector's certificate of organization, and the Bishop's certificate of approval, which were referred to a committee consisting of Rev. I. G. Hubbard, of Manchester, and P. C. Freeman, Esq., of Claremont, who subsequently reported that St. Luke's Church, Nashua, be admitted into union with this Convention, and on motion, the recommendation of the committee was adopted.

The committee to examine certificates of Lay Delegates reported that David A. G. Warner, Charles Cunningham,* and T. H. Gibby,* are entitled to seats in this Convention, from St. Luke's Church, Nashua.

An amendment to the 5th Canon was offered by Rev. I. G. Hub-

* Present.

bard, of Manchester, inserting the words "by ballot," before the words "by the parishioners," in the second line, which was adopted. (See Appendix.)

On motion, the following Committees were appointed:

On Finance — Rev. I. G. Hubbard, Hon. John Whipple, and Lyman D. Spaulding.

On Nominations — Rev. Henry A. Coit, Simeon Ide, and J. D. Watson.

The Report of the Standing Committee was read by the President, and ordered to be printed in the Journal of the Convention.

MANCHESTER, May 28, 1856.

At the Annual Convention of the Diocese of New-Hampshire, held this day, the Rev. Dr. Burroughs, the Rev. Mr. Hubbard, and the Rev. Mr. Salter, together with Hon. C. W. Woodman and Joshua W. Pierce, Esq., were elected members of the Standing Committee for the year ensuing.

BOSTON, June 21, 1856.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee, held at the Tremont House, this day, the Rev. Dr. Burroughs was elected President, and the Rev. Mr. Salter, Secretary.

At the same meeting the canonical testimonials in behalf of Mr. George E. Hurd and Mr. Francis Chase, candidates for Deacon's Orders, were signed.

Attest: T. G. SALTER, *Secretary.*

PORTSMOUTH, Aug. 30, 1856.

At a meeting of the Standing Committtee, this day held, the testimonials, required by the canons of a person desirous of becoming a candidate for Holy Orders, were duly signed, in favor of Mr. Benjamin F. DeCosta.

Attest: T. G. SALTER, *Secretary.*

PORTSMOUTH, March 23, 1857.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee, held this day, canonical consent was given to the election of Rt. Rev. William Ingraham Kip, D. D., as Diocesan Bishop of California.

Attest: T. G. SALTER, *Secretary.*

Simeon Ide, Esq., asked to be excused from serving on the Committe on Nominations, and also from farther attendance on the Convention; Arnold Briggs, Esq., was appointed upon the Committee on Nominations, and Mr. Lemuel Hitchcock, as Lay Delegate, in place of Mr. Ide, took his seat in the Convention.

On motion, farther business was suspended to attend divine service, and the Convention adjourned to 2 o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved, when the Bishop read his Annual Address to the Convention, as follows:

THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

Beloved Brethren, the Clergy and Laity of this Convention:

This is my Thirteenth Annual Address in the Diocese of New-Hampshire, in which I propose to give you, as required by the usages of the Church, an account of such things as appear to be worthy of record in the course of the past year. As on other like occasions, it will be seen that we have grounds for both joy and sorrow. If there are some things which may well gladden our hearts, as evidences of advancement and tokens of divine favor, there are others which should humble us and provoke to more love and good works.

On referring to my journal I find no entry which I consider of sufficient importance to be mentioned here, till

June 24,—When I attended, in the City of New-York, the annual meeting of the Managers of the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union. To the profound regret of its friends, this most valuable institution of our Church was found, as to its financial affairs, to be in a condition of depression and embarrassment. Of the causes which led to this I shall not here speak, except to say, that in no manner or sense was it owing to a want of probity and upright dealing in the management of the institution. I reserve the subject for a few suggestions toward the close of this Address.

June 25. I was present at the annual meeting of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, and on the day following assisted at the annual Commencement of the same.

July 6. *Sunday.* In Trinity Church, Claremont, I admitted to the Order of Deacons, Mr. George Edward Hurd, and Mr. Francis Chase, my son—both being alumni of the General Theological Seminary. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. H. S. Smith, who also presented the Candidates. The sermon, which was one of great excellence, and was attentively listened to by a large Congregation, was delivered by the Rev. M. A. Herrick, of Woodstock, Vt. Soon

after Ordination, Mr. Hurd formed an engagement to assist the Rector of St. John's Church, Portsmouth, and Mr. Chase, to assist the Rector of St. Paul's School.

Aug. 6. In compliance with a request from William Heywood, Esq., one of those numerous friends of the Church, whose lot, in the Providence of God, has been cast in places remote from organized Congregations and from the privileges of the Lord's Sanctuary, I made a visit to the village of Lancaster, situated one hundred miles to the North of my place of residence. Here I was happy to meet the Rev. Geo. B. Draper, of the City of New-York,—with whose assistance I held an evening service, preached and confirmed one person, the wife of my respected host. The time, being that of the great storm in the month of August, was unfavorable, and there had been a mistake about the giving of notice,—so that our congregation could not be reported as numerous. Nevertheless, the visit was to me an interesting one. If we had the means to support a mission there, I believe we should soon gather a considerable congregation. Here and in the neighborhood the Rev. Mr. Draper had preached twice and baptized four children—for which kind service I desire to express my grateful acknowledgements. May the time come when our Liturgy will be known here by other than occasional use.

Aug. 14. I had the pleasure of attending the annual Commencement of Norwich University, of which the Rev. Edward Bourns, LL. D., a clergyman of this Diocese, and Rector of one of its Churches, is the President. Seldom, on any like occasion, have I been better pleased. After the delivery of the pieces of the graduating class, which were meritorious in literary character, and given off with an agreeable elocution, the Rev. Dr. Haight, of the City of New-York, took the rostrum, and held the large assemblage, composed in great part of cultivated minds, in breathless attention for nearly one hour, on the subject of "physical education." The Address was a production forcible in truth, felicitous in style, and of the greatest practical interest,—and I could not but wish that the whole community might have the benefit of such wise and beautiful counsels through the press.

Aug. 17. *Sunday.* I visited Union Church, Claremont, preached and confirmed two persons—evening Prayer being read by the Rev. H. S. Smith, Rector. I never visit this Church without wishing that the Congregation, which I think I have not known to exceed one hundred persons, might be more compactly seated. The build-

ing was fitted, when there existed but one parish in the Town, for a Congregation of three hundred, or more. In the present state of things the people are thinly scattered over an extended area in such a manner that the social and sympathetic influence of distinct and well sustained responses is nearly lost. The efforts of the choir, too, which occupies a gallery at the far-distant west-end, fail to fill, with animating strains of harmonious sound, such amplitude of unoccupied space. For so small a Congregation, the choir is too remote from the chancel. I should not make these remarks if there did not appear to be an easy remedy in the cutting off of a portion of the audience-room. This is not merely a matter of taste. It is that, but it is more. In our way of worship the animating force of the social principle is of great importance. But in order to realize it, Christians must feel the presence and the breath of one another.

Sept. 1. I admitted, as a Candidate for holy Orders, Mr. Benjamin F. DeCosta, who had passed through a course of study at the "Biblical Institute" of the Methodists.

Sept. 8. *Monday.* I commenced the Visitation of the Churches in the Eastern section of the Diocese, at St. Andrew's, Hopkinton—where I preached in the evening, and confirmed two persons, the Rev. Mr. Ludlum reading prayers. The Congregation consisted of about 80 persons—which is more than I have usually seen here for many years. In some respects the state of this parish appeared to be better than last year—the particular difficulty then referred to seeming to have been adjusted. Mr. Ludlum appears to have been an earnest, laborious and devoted laborer. Soon after my visit he came to the conclusion to resign his charge,—but at the earnest solicitation of numbers of the people, the intention was changed, and he remains there still. May the Lord revive his work in this once flourishing Church, by moving the people with one heart to desire the prosperity of Zion, and with one mouth to confess the faith once delivered to the saints. Then should we not have occasion to mourn that few came to the solemn feasts.

Sept. 9. On my way to Concord I turned aside to spend a half hour at St. Paul's School, at Millville, and was most happy to find every thing proceeding in a manner which must gladden the hearts of the friends of that institution. The Rev. Mr. Coit and his excellent lady, with eleven scholars, and six more in near prospect, were pursuing their honorable and useful vocation with energy and contentment. Engagements requiring my attention elsewhere, I proceeded on my way, thankful to that Providence which had so happily

directed us thus far in an undertaking very dear to many hearts. God grant that this "tree planted by the river side, may bring forth fruit in due season," to the praise of his great name.

Sept. 10. According to an arrangement previously understood, we opened a Convocation of the Clergy at the house of the Rev. Dr. Marble, in Concord, at 10 o'clock, A. M. There were present, beside myself, the Rev. Drs. Marble and Bourns, Rev. Messrs. Hubbard, Coit, Ludlum, F. Chase, and Downing, from Texas. The morning was spent in free conversation on a variety of subjects connected with ministerial usefulness,—and resolutions, to which all present heartily agreed, were adopted, recommending to Churches and Sunday Schools the regular monthly collection of small sums for the support of Diocesan Missions. In the afternoon there was divine service in Church, when the Rev. Mr. Chase preached. Divine service again in the evening, when the Rev. Dr. Bourns preached.

Sept. 11. The Clergy met in Convocation at 8 o'clock, A. M., and engaged, as on the preceding day, in discussions relating to the great duties and interests of their sacred vocation. At the proper hour we proceeded to the Church, where, after Morning Prayer, we listened to an impressive sermon from the Rev. Mr. Hubbard. In the afternoon, divine service having been duly read, there was, first, a catechising of the children of St. Paul's Church, which showed them to have been faithfully instructed,—and then addresses were delivered, first, by myself, to parents, on their responsibilities as respects domestic and Sunday School instruction—secondly, by Mr. Coit, to Teachers, on certain points requiring their particular attention—and thirdly, by Mr. Chase, to the children. This was an occasion of much interest, and, I trust, gladdened the hearts and enlivened the faith of all present. In the evening of the same day, after Prayers, I preached, and confirmed four persons. The Church, this time, was nearly full of very serious and attentive people. The sermon was on the duty of Christians to maintain a wise, charitable, scrupulous and consistent conduct among unbelievers. At this time it was decided to hold a Convocation at Manchester, on the 28th and 29th of January next following.

Sept. 12. I took the cars for Holderness, where the same evening and the next morning I preached and confirmed seven persons, one of whom I visited for the purpose in the chamber of sickness. Prayers were read by the Rev. J. R. Peirce, Rector of St. Mark's Church. This parish, I am thankful to be able to say, is in a most gratifying and encouraging state of prosperity—having already twenty-

attention from parents than in the case of girls, because the besetting temptations of the former need stronger guards than those of the latter, are looked after with much less care and perseverance. Remember, Christian brethren, the same effort will not effect as much for your sons as for your daughters. This should be a guiding principle in the economy of parental duty.

Sept. 15. I proceeded to Dover, where, after divine service, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Salter, I delivered a sermon. The congregation was tolerably good, though apparently composed, in a great degree, of persons who did not take part in the services. If I leave this Church with few words, I hope it will not be supposed I intend it as a rebuke. The religious spirit and Church feeling sometimes suffer a depression, which it is difficult to account for, without a knowledge of the manifold secular causes which influence man's mind, and unsettle his attention, while truth and duty are presenting their claims to his heart. The husbandman does not cease to labor because his toils and hopes are not always rewarded with an abundant harvest. So the anxious cares of the minister of Christ must not be remitted because he does not see, as he fondly hoped, plentiful fruit springing to immediate ripeness in his field of labor. May the Lord pour a blessing on the labors of the faithful pastor and on the hearts of the flock.

Sept. 16. Mr. Salter obligingly took me over to Salmon Falls, where I was indebted to Mr. Byron W. Watson and his amiable wife for the attentions of kind hospitality. To Mr. Humphrey Watson, also, I am indebted. In the evening I preached to a congregation of 80 or 90 persons—the Rev. Messrs. Salter and Hurd reading prayers. Our hopes of raising this long depressed parish have been again dashed. We only wanted a hundred dollars from capitalists interested in the business of the village to place a clergyman at once in Christ's Church. I do not think, however, we shall yield the question just yet. This Village and the neighboring one of South Berwick contain now ten or eleven Church families. In the morning of the day following I baptized in Christ's Church four children.

Sept. 17. I visited St. John's, Portsmouth,—preached in Church in the afternoon, the Rev. Drs. Burroughs and Watson reading Prayers, and confirmed six persons. For a secular day the Congregation was large—and, as on former occasions, so now, a fine exemplification of the chaste and impressive style of Church solemnities. In the evening I preached in the Chapel, Prayers being read by the Rector. I was pleased to find that the Rev. Dr. Burroughs, whose

... Holy service, with the admonitory impression made ... by recent accesses of severe illness, more than ... a division of labor, had engaged the Rev. ... as an assistant. It is proper just to men- ... appear under the proper date, that this impor- ... uninterrupted Rectorship of forty-eight years, ... grant that it may be soon supplied with an "able ... Testament," who by prayers and toils will urge ... higher culture the field where our reverend ... has so long, and so honorably, and so successfully ... reported that the late Rector has kindly consented ... 's till such time as the Parish shall be prepared ... the service being understood as gratuitous and

... the visitation of the Churches in the eastern section ... and I set my face toward home, where I arrived on ... Sept. 18.

... *Sunday.* In Trinity Church, Claremont, by special ..., I confirmed one person.

... I was in my place as a member at a meeting of the ... Trustees of the General Theological Seminary in the City ... York.

... the 1st day of October to the 21st, inclusive, I was, as in ..., in attendance on the General Convention in the City of ... During this period I preached several times for Cler- ... the City. I shall be excused, I trust, if I here make ... acknowledgement of my obligations to the kind hospitality ... Dr. Dorr, in whose happy and delightful family I found ... Of this great Council of the American Church I shall ... say, that it will long be remembered for its harmony, its ... and its prudent conservativeness. Its Proceedings have, ... been informed, gone through the press to the inspection of ... public.

... *Sunday.* I held a Confirmation at Union Church, Clare- ... six persons received the laying on of hands — service ... by the Rev. H. S. Smith, Rector.

... At a special Confirmation held in Trinity Church, Clare- ... persons received "the laying on of hands." One of ... visiting in the town, presented the interesting case of a ... to the Church almost wholly through the medium of

... .

Nov. 16. *Sunday.* I made my annual Visitation to St. Thomas' Church, Hanover — preached twice, the Rev. Dr. Bourns reading Prayers. This Parish remains much as when I last visited it. Some changes in the Congregation, of course, might be expected. In hopes my way might be led to the discovery of persons desirous of receiving confirmation, I, on Saturday, in company with Dr. Bourns, made a number of visits. I found three or four persons, who seemed to me to possess, through the grace of God, the great elements of the Christian character. But they lacked decision. Our project for raising the means to build a new Church lingers. Unfortunately, Dr. Crosby, who undertook an agency for that purpose, has been too much disabled by ill health to go on with it. He made a visit to Boston, where he obtained a few donations,—but was told the time was unfavorable. Applications to the Alumni of Dartmouth College, friends of the Church, have brought a few generous gifts and pledges. It being impossible for me to undertake personally the work of collection, I have sought in vain, thus far, for a suitable agent to take the place of Dr. Crosby. The amount now received and promised may be between seven and eight hundred dollars. I desire the counsel of my brethren on this matter.

Dec. 31. Notice was received from the Bishop of Virginia of the Deposition from the ministry of W. H. Coffin, Deacon.

Feb. 6. In a case of dangerous sickness I gave clinical confirmation to an individual in the Parish of which I am Rector.

Feb. 18. I made a journey to Concord for the purpose of attending a meeting of the "Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church." On account of the difficulties of that remarkable season, the journey was one of peculiar hardship. The chief business was, to determine on the form of a "Power of Attorney," and to submit a pledge of indemnity, which might be transmitted to the Society for Propagating the Gospel, in conformity to request made through its Secretary, for its adoption and acceptance. In these particulars papers had previously been prepared with great care — which, on due consideration, were unanimously approved by the Board. Whereupon the President was authorized to transmit them, with appropriate introduction, to the venerable Society. It is proper to add, that the form of the proposed Power of Attorney is drawn, for substance, from a Power granted by the Society for a similar purpose to the Church in the Diocese of Vermont. The papers were duly forwarded, but as yet no answer has been received.

Feb. 19. By particular request of the Rev. Mr. Hubbard I held

a supplementary Confirmation in St. Michael's Church, Manchester, — when, after a sermon by myself, eight persons renewed their baptismal vows and received "the laying on of hands." This makes the whole number confirmed in this Church, within the year, to be seventeen — an evidence that the labors of the shepherd are blessed of God.

March. 18. I concurred in the election of Rt. Rev. Dr. Kip, now Missionary Bishop of California, to be Diocesan thereof.

April 4. I gave to the Rev. Newton E. Marble, D. D., a Letter Dimissory to the ecclesiastical authority of Connecticut. This is a great loss to us. Dr. Marble had been so long with us, hand in hand, that it is hard to think he will be with us no more. St. Paul's Church, at Concord, became vacant at Easter by the resignation of that beloved brother — and is not yet supplied, except by temporary arrangement. God grant it an able and faithful minister.

April 26. *Sunday.* I made a visit to Trinity Church, Cornish, and preached morning and afternoon. One person was baptized and confirmed. Baptism was administered by the Rev. Mr. Randolph, who also read evening Prayer. In the morning I think we had a congregation of 50 persons, old and young, — in the afternoon, when many were present from Windsor, we had 80 or 90. Mr. Randolph officiated here once on each Sunday during several months of the last summer and autumn, — and at the time of my visit had commenced a similar course for the approaching season. By death and emigration, population is here sadly thinning out.

Immediately after the second service, I drove to Plainfield — where, after Prayers by Rev. Mr. Randolph, I preached in defence of *Forms of Prayer*, judging that subject to be appropriate. The house was cold, but we had a good and attentive congregation. About raising up this parish I feel much discouraged. For materials whereof to rear it I inquire in vain. The people are few and becoming fewer.

May 2. I received from the Wardens of St. John's Church, Portsmouth, official notice of the resignation of the Rectorship of that Church by the Rev. Charles Borroughs, D. D. — which resignation had been accepted by the Parish.

May 4. In compliance with the request of the Wardens I announced my concurrence in the dissolution of the pastoral connection heretofore existing between the Rev. Dr. Borroughs and St. John's Church.

I can not pass from the event thus reported without indulging an

expression of sensibility, in which I am sure my brethren will share. The tenderest ties of even consanguinity are not more tender, nor more sacred, than those which must have bound the Christian Minister to the same flock for the long period of forty-eight years. In a country where change is not often censured as instability, and where fluctuating relations, so far from being disreputable, are regarded as giving zest to life and scope to hope, how remarkable is the duration of this bond! There is now but one equal case in all our New-England Churches. And to them who mark the mysteries of Providence, the mutations of social condition, and the peculiar difficulties of the ministerial office, how bright and grateful is this evidence, that he who has maintained his post and borne the banner of Christ in the same field of duty and honor so near to half a century, can have been no other than a man qualified by grace to wield the armor of "a good soldier of Jesus Christ!" "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord," are the words of salutation and acceptance which await the accounting day of such a steward.

May 10. *Sunday.* I visited St. Peter's Church, Drewsville, — read Prayers, preached twice, and admininistered the holy Communion to 17 persons. The Congregation was much more numerous than I have been accustomed to see here. In the forenoon there were not less than 80 persons, of whom, as I learned, some came from neighboring towns. In the afternoon there were more. There is now a design for obtaining a Clergyman for this Church, who shall derive a part of his support from the keeping of a boarding and day school for boys. To encourage this, Josiah Bond, Esq., has offered, rent free for five years, the use of the large brick Hotel standing on the west side of the Common. I wish the design may be successful. To the right sort of man the opportunity is undoubtedly an attractive one. I must not omit to mention, that during the last year Mr. Goodsell, a Teacher of youth at Bellows Falls, has very kindly done much service here as a Lay Reader.

May 19. I received from the Bishop of New-Jersey a Letter Dimissory in favor of the Rev. Edward P. Wright — who thereupon was recognized as a Presbyter of this Diocese. Mr. W. has taken charge of the new movement at Nashua.

May 24. *Sunday.* I held a Confirmation in Trinity Church, Claremont, where we are now assembled, when five persons received "the laying on of hands." This makes ten, the whole number confirmed here within the year.

All our Churches, being now fourteen in number, have been visited during the year, and some of them twice, except that at Nashua, which I shall endeavor to visit at an early day. In eight of them the rite of Confirmation has been administered to fifty-six persons.

We have one Candidate for Orders, whose term will be full in September next — Mr. Benjamin F. DeCosta, residing in Concord.

To the Diaconate there have been two Ordinations — those of the Rev. George E. Hurd and the Rev. Francis Chase.

I shall detain you, brethren, but a few moments. There are a few subjects not connected with dates, to which I ask your attention.

In the first place, I desire to recommend to your prayers, your sympathies, and your most considerate regards, St. Paul's School, — an institution liberally chartered, endowed, established, and in successful operation, — an Institution which, though commenced on a scale of prudent limitation, is capable of indefinite expansion, — and, as I humbly trust, is destined, in the providence of God, to stand in the Calendar of the Diocese as a source of inestimable blessings to many generations. I am not now preparing to ask for pecuniary gifts. I am not craving funds. It is not likely *that* will ever enter into my undertakings. But this I ask, my brethren, that you will remember St. Paul's School at the throne of grace, — and that you will sometimes, as opportunity favors, turn aside to look in on one of the most delightful Christian families now presented in the walks of Christian education.

In the next place, I beg to call your attention to "the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union and Church Book Society," cordially recommending it to your confidence, your liberality and your support by all proper means. It is an Institution of the Church which you love —an Institution founded, approved, patronized, and sustained by those wise and good men, whose counsels have been considered most valuable in devising and arranging organs of usefulness, and instruments of benevolence in the Church of these States. A design has been formed, and is now working out, to raise a fund of $50,000 for a permanent endowment. I wish, my brethren, this Diocese may have a hand in this good undertaking, though of necessity the amount must be small. The Rev. Horace Hills, Jr., of Middletown, Conn., is an accredited Agent.

At a meeting of the Clergy in Missionary Convocation in the month of September last, it was unanimously resolved to recommend to Churches and Sunday Schools the adoption of measures to raise Missionary means for the use of the Diocese by cent contributions.

This may seem to be a small-rate way for raising any considerable amount of funds. But experience has abundantly proved it to be a resource of wonderful power. I shall not dilate upon this plan, but leave it, with my strong recommendation, in the hands of the Clergy and Congregations. We want means for the missionary work in the Diocese, and cannot possibly attempt new stations of labor without them. May God grant them to us — or, rather, may he give us hearts willing to contribute. Let every man, woman and child first see that the heart is set right on the subject, — and then, "Let every one do according as he is disposed in his heart — not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver."

While thus speaking of the want of resources for the support of Diocesan Missions, it is proper to call your attention to the work which we have undertaken in Nashua, — and in which, thus far, we have been much blessed and encouraged. I have entirely misconceived the tokens of approving and furthering grace, if we may not regard the proceedings of the friends of the Church in that city as bearing a sure guarantee of his most gracious favor. The Lord be praised for thus selecting another city of refuge for offending men! But, my brethren, this effort will cost us something. Our friends there have acted with noble liberality, the like of which I scarcely remember. But the establishment of a new Church is an emergency which requires aid, sympathy and comfort. And we must prepare ourselves for giving, the first year at least, a large amount of pecuniary help. You will be surprised and grateful when I inform you that within less than two months from the first appointment in Nashua, the sum of $500 was subscribed there for the support of the church the first year. Of this, $150 must go for rent, fuel and other incidental necessaries — the balance, $350, for the support of the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Wright. To this sum we have engaged to add $350. And I trust the means will be afforded to enable us to meet promptly and fully this warranted expectation. We can do it —and by God's favor we must do it.

Another matter, which I think proper to lay before you, is an order or arrangement of services, which I recommend to be adopted in cases where three services are to be held in the same place on the same day. The following I regard as in accordance with the Prayer Book and with the opinion expressed by the House of Bishops:

Morning Prayer, at a convenient hour, directly through, precisely as set down.

Sing a Psalm.

The Sermon, (if there be one.)
A Hymn, if thought proper.
Collect and Benediction.
A Pause or Intermission, of convenient length.
Litany.
Sing a Psalm.
Ante-Communion Service.
The Sermon, (if there be one.)
Sing a Hymn.
(Communion, if such there be.)
Collect and Benediction.
A Pause, or Intermission.
Evening Prayer precisely as set down.
Sing a Psalm.
The Sermon.
Sing a Hymn.
Collect and Benediction.

Such a distribution seems to me to be quite unobjectionable, and will operate to the relief of the minister — while it dispenses with that extra, made-up service, commonly called the New-York Service. As respects the hour for each service, convenience alone need be consulted, — the same as to the length of intermissions. *Forenoon* and *afternoon* are simply terms of convenience, which denote nothing peculiar in the flow of time. The great thing is, the harmony, appropriateness, completeness and beauty of the several parts of those sacred services or mysteries, which the Church has appointed for her people's use, in social and solemn assembly, between night and night — or, after each natural period of rest. The devotional resources provided by the Church are ample. Of extras I see no want, no need.

CARLTON CHASE, Bp., &c.

On motion, the amendment to the 5th Article of the Constitution offered at the last Convention by the Rev. Dr. Burroughs, of Portsmouth, was taken up and adopted.

Rev. Mr. Ludlum, of Hopkinton, proposed an amendment to the 10th Canon, striking out the words, "having parishes," in the second line, which was adopted. (See Appendix.)

The Reports of the Treasurer of the Convention, and of the Bishop's Fund, were presented and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Parochial Reports were presented and read.

TRINITY CHURCH, CLAREMONT.

RT. REV. CARLTON CHASE, D. D., RECTOR.

Baptized, 13; of whom 5 were adults. Confirmed, 10. Communicants, added 11; died and removed, 12; present number, 131. Marriages, 3. Deaths, 8. Advent Collection for general Domestic Missions, $36. Epiphany Collection for Foreign Missions, $20. Easter Collection for Diocesan Missions, $29. Sunday Scholars, 50. Sunday School Library, 300 vols. Parish Library, 125. Paid Bishop's Salary, $26.25.

There can be no doubt that this Parish is in at least a fairly prosperous condition. The Rector laments, indeed, that there is not more of the earnest and self-sacrificing spirit of the higher grade of Christian life, — but still is thankful for great mercies bestowed. It is believed there are numbers of persons, and hoped they are increasing, who habitually pray and labor that they may be found of Christ in peace.

The Rector is sorry to report that the small remainder of building debt, to which he referred in his last Report as under some prospect of payment, is still unpaid — though measures have lately been taken, not yet completed, which may bring that most desirable event.

The Rector feels obliged to express his regret, that certain property questions between this Parish and that of Union Church, in the same town, have not been adjusted. It seems there is a valuable income from lands given by the Society for Propagating the Gospel for "the support of a Clergyman or *Clergymen* of the Protestant Episcopal Church," in the town. Union Church took possession when that was the only Church, — and now that there are two Churches, refuses to divide — which the people of Trinity Church, organized with the full concurrence of the other Church, find it difficult to reconcile with Christian equity. Hence a state of parochial relations no way desirable. The Rector of Trinity would be most happy if he might soon be able to report an adjustment of these questions. Christian Churches as well as Christian men are bound to rectitude and equity in their mutual relations. Thirteen years is a long period for such differences to remain undecided.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH.

From May 28, 1856, *to May* 27, 1857.

Rev. CHARLES BURROUGHS, D. D., Rector till Easter Monday, 1857. Number of families, about 130. Baptisms: infants, 14; adults, 3; total, 17. Marriages, 7 couple. Funerals: infants, 1; adults, 8; total 9. Communicants, about 130. Confirmed, 6. Sunday Scholars, about 70. Sunday School Library, about 400 vols. Parish Library, 620 vols. Contributions: Bishop's salary, $93.75; Diocesan Missions, $34.67; Domestic Missions, in Advent, $33,56; Foreign Missions, Epiphany, $36,00; to Rev. Mr. Newton, to build a Church in New-Brunswick, $28.00; Christmas collection, $55.75;

Communion contributions, $51.89; Ladies' Missionary Society, about $120.00; for Jews, $5.00; whole amount of contributions, $458.72.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MANCHESTER.

REV. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, RECTOR.

Baptisms, (adults 1, children 25,) 26. Confirmations, 17. Marriages, 10. Burials, 13. Communicants added, (anew, 16; by removal, 21,) 37. Lost, (by death, 3; by removal, 16,) 19. Present number, 99. Sunday School: teachers, 10; scholars, 34. Collections: Communion, $99.09; Monthly, $67.98; Sunday School collections, $12.00; for Parish Library, $43.00; for gas and improvements in Church, 67.00; for Diocesan Missions, (first quarter's three cent collection,) $18.99; total, $308.06.

The collections were appropriated as follows: Christmas offering for Domestic Missions, $25.00; Easter offering for Foreign Missions, $30.00; Diocesan Missions, $18.99. Of Sunday School collections, $6.00 to Domestic and $6.00 to Foreign Missions. Alms to poor, $23.57; Parish Library, $44.95; Sunday School books and tracts, $21.28; Bishop's salary, $21.27; Convention assessment, $7.13; Prayer Book Society, $3.00; Church in Ohio, 3.00; other Parish objects, including wine for Holy Communion, $14.84; improvements in Church, $77.00.

The business of the city has been somewhat depressed during the year; nevertheless the Parish has more than held its own. We have relinquished the Missionary stipend; the number of Communicants has increased considerably; the Sunday School, also, is doing well. A Parish Library has been commenced, and now numbers 65 volumes; it has proved beneficial to many, and will doubtless be more and more valuable as an auxiliary in diffusing information respecting our faith, order and worship. Gas has been introduced into the Church, an important improvement has been made in the Chancel arrangements, the old pulpit and reading-desk have been removed, and a lectern and more compact pulpit have been constructed, which, beside being convenient and appropriate, will add to the available sittings in the Church.

Services are held in the Church on all the great Festivals and Fasts. During Lent, there were services in church on Wednesday morning, and on Friday evening, services and a lecture. These services were better attended than ever before.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, HANOVER.

REV. EDWARD BOURNS, LL. D., MISSIONARY.

The services of this Church have been regularly maintained during the past year, in connection with Norwich, Vt. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper has been administered monthly, alternately between the two places.

The attendance has been good, though affected during the winter by the severity of the weather, unusually great even for this region.

I was in hopes to have presented some candidates for confirmation at the visit of our Bishop to us in November, but was disappointed. The notion is strongly fixed in the minds of most people here, that every person must pass through a certain series of emotions of despair, alarm, hope and assurance, &c., before they can be truly christians: and however strong their faith, genuine their repentance, or exemplary their lives, without these signs they cannot be induced to claim the privileges of being in covenant with God through Christ. We cannot help almost acknowledging in many cases, their humility and conscientiousness, and must trust to time and God's grace to give them a better understanding in those things. We have lost two valued members of our congregation by death. The close of the collegiate year also took some from us, but these we hope will do good service to the Church in other places, though this annual removal of our young friends is always painful.

We have done nothing towards building a new church. The prolonged illness of our Warden, on whom we mainly rely for the collecting of funds, has kept him at home, and left us without the means of accomplishing this desirable object. We have had some correspondence with St. John's Church, Portsmouth, relative to some funds in their hands, arising from the sale of lands in the town of Hanover, given many years ago to this town by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, for the support of a minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church. We have not yet received the money from St. John's, but from the friendly tone of their communications and the high character of the gentleman to whom they have entrusted the business, there seems no reason to doubt that the matter will be speedily, fairly and amicably adjusted between us.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, DOVER.

REV. THOMAS G. SALTER, RECTOR.

Baptisms: infants, 1; Confirmed, 0; Communicants: removed, 7; present number, 47. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 2. Sunday School Teachers, 8; scholars, 40. Contributions: for General Board Domestic Missions, $20,00; Foreign, $6,00; Alms, $19,26; Assessment for the Bishop's salary, $25,00; Christmas tree, for Sunday School children, $50,00; total, $120,26.

I have here given the full list of Communicants, as at present recorded. During the past year we have lost several by removal; and, I am pained to add, that of the names of persons remaining upon the list, several have not appeared at the celebration of the Holy Sacrament for a long period. "To their own Master they stand or fall." The general prosperity of the Parish has been greatly impaired by ever-recurring removals. During my connexion with the Parish, (now nearly ten years in time,) there have gone from her fold, not less (I think) than seventy or eighty persons, who have sought, (in divers places) other homes for themselves and their little ones. Still, there remains a stable foundation for a noble Parish, and such (under

divine favor) it would soon become, were it not so difficult a task to eradicate old prejudices against "the English Church" and Liturgical forms of worship. God and the children are my only ground of hope, for the permanent growth of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Dover, and to God I commend her interests, praying ever that "peace may be within her walls, and prosperity within her palaces."

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CONCORD.

Rev. NEWTON E. MARBLE, D. D., Rector till April 1, 1857. Baptized, 5 children; Confirmed, 7; Communicants: removed, 1; added 4; present number, 72. Sunday School: teachers, 8; scholars, about 50. Marriages, 5. Burials, 4. Collections: Missions — Diocesan, $13,73; Domestic, $12,72; Foreign, $24,00. Sunday School Library, $12,48; Parish purposes, $36,47; miscellaneous, $23,67; total, $123,07.

UNION CHURCH, CLAREMONT.

REV. HENRY S. SMITH, RECTOR.

Baptisms: 8 children. Confirmations, 8. Communicants, same as last reported; one added, one removed. Burials, 2. Neither of the persons belonged to this parish. Sunday School and Bible Class united, about 40 members, and 6 teachers. Contributions: for Domestic Missions, $4,00; for Diocesan, $6,00.

The Rector being absent during the winter, the usual Epiphany collection for Foreign Missions was not taken up.

The Rev. Francis Chase officiated in Union Church during the month of November. From that time till my return—a few Sundays excepted,—the services were kept up by Lay-Reading.

The primary reason assigned for being so long absent from Union Church, was to try — by medical advice — the effect of a southern climate for the improvement of health, and which, by the blessing of God, proved entirely successful, though for a short time I was quite ill at New-Orleans, where I spent a month at St. Charles Hotel, by the kind invitation and hospitality of the head clerk of that establishment, Hiram Hitchcock, Esq., formerly of West Claremont. After regaining my health, I went to the Diocese of Mississippi, where I had been recommended by the Bishop of New-Hampshire to the Bishop of that Diocese, and where I officiated as a Missionary, receiving compensation therefor, until the latter part of February. On my journey homeward I preached at Montgomery, Alabama, on Ash-Wednesday, by request of Bishop Cobbs.

Spent a Sunday at Bloomington, Illinois, on going south, and officiated once for a destitute Church at that place. Once also on board the steamer Michigan, returning up the Mississippi river, by request of the officers, who joined in the responses of the morning service. The audience was quite large and attentive for such an occasion. This is the amount of my labors in the ministry while at the South.

Since my return to Union Church, the congregation has seemed to give increassd attention to the services of the sanctuary, and to things pertaining to its prosperity, both temporal and spiritual.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, HOLDERNESS.

REV. J. R. PEIRCE, RECTOR.

In presenting our second Parochial Report, it is with pleasure that we are able to say, that the prospects of this parish are still good, and our hopes for the future, bright and encouraging. There have been some additions to the Congregation, and, as will be seen from the statistics presented, the number of Communicants has also increased. It has been the aim and endeavor of the Rector to set forth as fully as practicable, by her services and ordinances, the true character and beauty of the Church's system, and her perfect adaptation to, and provision for, the wants or men, the result of which has been an increased interest on the part of those who worship at her altar. A beginning only has as yet been made, but, relying on Divine grace, we confidently hope and look for the time when her system shall be fully developed and carried out in this distant station, and secure a deep and permanent place in the affections of the people. There are yet many obstacles to be overcome, and many deep-rooted prejudices to be removed, which must be the work of time. The good work progresses, however; slowly, it is true, but, we humbly trust, surely. During the season of Lent, services were held every Friday morning and evening, with a lecture at the latter; also on Ash-Wednesday, and every morning of Passion-week. They were remarkably well attended, the number being about double that which attended the previous year; and we can not but hope and feel that the interesting and affecting services of the solemn season made an impression upon some hearts which will be productive of good results.

During the past year there have been — Baptisms: adults, 3; infants, 4; total, 7. Confirmations, 7. Communicants: added, 11; removed, 2; present number, 28. Sunday School: teachers, 6; scholars, 34. Marriages, one couple. Burials, 4. Communion alms, $27.00. For reasons which it is not necessary to state here, collections were not taken up at the usual time for Missions, but will be made in the course of the year.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, HOPKINTON.

REV. NICHOLAS F. LUDLUM, MISSIONARY.

Since the last Report, there has been an increase of the Congregation, of about one third; and of the Sunday School, of one half.

Besides the monthly Communion collection, a collection is now made the third Sunday of every month for Church expenses.

For the first time, we believe, in this Parish, there was a Sunday School Festival on Easter Monday, which was attended with the happiest results.

We are truly glad to report that, with some slight exceptions, the congregation of St. Andrew's Parish manifests more anxiety than usual, in the welfare of the church.

The statistics for the past year are one adult baptism; one new communicant, making, with the number contained in the last report, 26; 2 confirmations; and one death. Sunday School teachers, 4; scholars, 28.

Diocesan Missions, $10,00 — half being for the three cent fund. Domestic Missions, $16,00. Foreign Missions, $9,00. Miscellaneous, $63,18, of which $3,50 was sent to the Church Book Society; $1.38 Sunday School contributions, to Rev. Mr. Breck, Missionary among the Indians, and $50.00 was raised towards the support of an afflicted lady of our Parish. Our obligations are due for four fifths of the amount to the exertions of Dr. Burroughs, of Portsmouth, and Judge Sawyer, of Boston.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, DREWSVILLE.

Communicants, 18. The condition of this Church does not seem to be materially changed since the last report. As then expected, Lay Reading has been maintained during a considerable part of the year. The Bishop spent here the second Sunday in May. Arrangements are in progress for repairing and painting both the Church edifice and the Parsonage. The Clergyman's Library, being the gift of the Rev. Dr. Sprague, is in careful hands, and is well preserved. Sorry we are that we have no Clergyman to use it. We have, however, some hope that measures now in progress may result in the obtaining of one, who shall derive a portion of his support from a Boarding-School — for which there seems to be offered at this time much encouragement.

TRINITY CHURCH, CORNISH.

REV. THOMAS L. RANDOLPH, OFFICIATING MINISTER.

Baptisms, 1 adult. Confirmed, 1. Present number of Communicants, 10. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2. Sunday School, 6 to 8 pupils.

One service was held on every Sunday from the 27th of April to the 2d of November, inclusive. The attendance varied from 20 to 50 persons, though a part of them were from the Parish at Windsor, Vermont. The minister also instructed a class of children in the Catechism immediately after divine service.

This Parish has been much reduced in numbers by death and removal, and is by no means in strength what it once was. There are yet, however, a number of families who are deeply interested in its prosperity, and would rejoice to see its more flourishing days return.

GRACE CHURCH, PLAINFIELD.

Communicants, about 12. The hopes entertained a year ago, that this Church would enjoy the services of a Clergyman some portion of the time, have not been realized. The population of this part of the town is so thinned by emigration, that great difficulty is experienced in supporting a minister of any denomination. There are here a few firm and consistent friends of the Church. But they feel much discouraged at prospects. The Bishop made his visitation on the last Sunday in April.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, NASHUA.

REV. E. P. WRIGHT, RECTOR.

Having so recently entered upon this new and interesting field of labor, the Rector of this Parish sensibly feels his inability to render a full and complete report of its spiritual and temporal condition.

The following, however, may be considered as reliable as the circumstances will admit of, viz.:

Families and parts of families, 25. Individuals, about 80. Communicants, 12. Sunday School: teachers, 5; scholars, 15. The Holy Communion has been administered once — on the 3d Sunday after Easter, being the day upon which, in the providence of God, the Rector entered upon his duties. It was a day felt by both pastor and flock as one of unusual interest. Eleven of the faithful presented themselves at the table of the Lord. The sacrament of holy Baptism has been administered to *two* children.

The service for the solemnization of Matrimony has been performed for *one couple*, in the presence of a large concourse of citizens; and it is believed that this solemn and most appropriate service made a lasting impression upon the minds of those present — it never having been performed in public in this city before.

As a Parish, while our wants are many, we have much to be truly grateful for. We have received from St. Michael's Church, Manchester, a most appropriate set of communion plate—lacking but the collection plates and paten, which have been generously supplied by two of the communicants of the Parish.

From J. S. Amory, Esq., of Boston, (whose heart seems to be with us in an eminent degree,) we have received a beautiful Desk Prayer-book, and also fifty copies of the 12mo. edition for the use of the Congregation. From Henry Timmins and Henry Upham, Esqs., also of Boston, we have received a magnificent Desk Bible, to correspond with the Prayer-book. From Judge Sawyer, of this city, we have received twenty-four 12mo. Prayer-books.

To this list of acknowledgments must be added last, though by no means least, the very great obligation this Parish lies under to the Rev. I. G. Hubbard, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Manchester; to whose faithful and unrewarded labors, under God, it owes its existence. Expressions of gratitude may be heard from the lips of every churchman in the place. May the Lord richly reward him for his work and labor, that proceeded only of love!

To the Rev. Mr. Coit, Rector of St. Paul's School, Concord, the Rev. Dr. Edson, of Lowell, and others of the Clergy, who have aided on the cause here, by their most acceptable services, and other most substantial proofs of their good will, the Rector feels he is but expressing the universal sentiment of the Parish, when he says that their acts of kindness are deeply felt.

But, before closing, it may not be improper to advert briefly to our wants. In the first place, and above all other things, we want a *Church edifice*. Without a habitation of our own we can but feebly struggle on for existence, depending upon friends abroad for assistance. With a Church, it is not extravagant to say that the success of this Parish, humanly speaking, is certain. In one year it would become self-supporting.

Towards this object, it is the intention of the Parish to see the utmost that can be done amongst ourselves, and afterwards to look abroad to our more favored brethren in other cities for their aid to make up what may be lacking. This city, numbering 11,000 inhabitants, is strictly made up of a manufacturing population; and while it is a noble field for the Church, it is also of necessity a poor one, so far as means are concerned. May God put it in the hearts of those who have the means entrusted to their stewardship, favorably to regard the cause we have in hand in this city; namely, the establishing of the kingdom of God's dear Son.

Will any of the richer parishes help us in procuring a Sunday School Library? We are sadly in need of one.

The undersigned, Rector of St. Paul's School, Concord, has been engaged in the duties of the School since his removal to the Diocese April 1, 1856. The household forms in itself a small but most important Parish, for the spiritual health of which the Rector has the care and responsibility. In the religious as well as the intellectual training of the boys, he has enjoyed, since December 1, the valuable and fraternal coöperation of his esteemed friend, the Rev. Francis Chase, to whose earnest and faithful labors in the School and the neighborhood he desires to bear the most cordial and affectionate testimony. The Catechism of the Church, illustrated and established by holy Scripture and the Book of Common Prayer, has formed the natural basis of the direct religious teaching of the School. Service has been held almost from the date of the opening of the School, in the District school-house of the neigborhood, every Sunday afternoon, and a congregation varying from 50 to 100 persons has been regularly assembled, of whom most have become familiar with the Prayer-Book, and several have learned to join audibly in the responses. A small Sunday School, numbering about 15 children of the vicinity, has been collected, and a Library procured of about 100 volumes — publications of the Church Book Society. During the winter Mr. Chase has superintended a free singing class on Thursday evenings, for the purpose of instructing the people generally in sacred music. The neighborhood has been visited, and the sick have received such pastoral care and attention as time and opportu-

nity have permitted. During his connection with the Diocese, the undersigned has assisted in most of the Sunday morning services in St. Paul's Church, Concord, and preached frequently. Since the Sunday before Easter, owing to the Rev. Dr. Marble's removal, the duties of the Parish have devolved upon and been performed by the Rev. Mr. Chase and himself, in addition to their other duties. He has also given one Sunday to Nashua, holding three services there; one to Hopkinton and one to Manchester, in the absence of the Rectors, officiating twice in both places.

HENRY A. COIT.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL, May 18, 1857.

The undersigned respectfully reports that since the time of his Ordination, on the 7th Sunday after Trinity, 1856, he has been engaged as follows, viz.: Until November, assisting the Bishop, as far as an infirmity in his eyesight allowed him, at Trinity Church, Claremont, reading service and occasionally preaching, performing the marriage service once; in November officiating once each Lord's day at Union Church, West Claremont, the Rector being absent. December 1st he took the post of Assistant Teacher at St. Paul's School, Concord, where he still remains. Since that date he has occasionally assisted the Rector of St. Paul's Church, Concord, in divine service, as also the Rector of St. Paul's School in his services at Millville. He has besides officiated from time to time for the Clergy of other places in the Diocese. April 1st he received the appointment of Chaplain at the N. H. Asylum for the Insane, where he has officiated once each Sunday.

All which is respectfully submitted,

MAY 26, 1857. FRANCIS CHASE, *Deacon.*

To the Rt. Rev. Bishop Chase:

In compliance with the Canon, I hereby respectfully report that on the last Sunday of September I entered upon my duties as Assistant Minister of St. John's Church, Portsmouth, having previously officiated on several different occasions of divine service in this Parish. This situation I have relinquished since Easter, and am at present without any regular charge. I have also officiated at various times in St. Thomas' Church, Dover, and on one occasion in the Church at Salmon Falls.

GEORGE E. HURD.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Committee on Finance have examined the Treasurer's Account for the past year, and find the same correctly stated and properly vouched. They recommend that the following sums be assessed on

the several Parishes, to defray the current expenses of the Convention, viz. :

St. John's Church, Portsmouth,	$15.00
Union Church, Claremont,	7.00
Trinity Church, Claremont,	6.00
St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	5.00
St. Paul's Church, Concord,	5.00
Trinity Church, Cornish,	5.00
St. Peter's Church, Drewsville,	1.00
Grace Church, Plainfield,	1.00
St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	1.00
St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	1.00
St. Michael's Church, Manchester,	5.00
St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	1.00
St. Luke's Church, Nashua,	1.00
	$54.00

The Treasurer's account of the Bishop's Fund has been examined, by which it appears that there is now in the Treasurer's hands the sum of $18.79.

The Committee would further recommend that the following sums be assessed on the several Parishes towards the salary of the Bishop for the year ensuing, viz. :

St. John's Church, Portsmouth, (including tythes,)	$95.75
Union Church, Claremont, (including tythes,)	51.25
Trinity Church, Claremont,	26.25
St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	20.00
St. Paul's Church, Concord,	22.50
Trinity Church, Cornish,	10.00
St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	2.00
St. Mark's Church, Holderness	1.00
St. Michael's Church, Manchester,	21.25
St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	1.00
St. Luke's Church, Nashua,	1.00
	$250.00

The above sums to be paid into the Treasury previous to January 1, 1858.

All which is respectfully submitted,

I. G. HUBBARD, *Chairman.*

On motion, the report of the Finance Committee was accepted, and the recommendations adopted.

The Committee on Nominations reported for

Preacher of the Missionary Sermon — Rev. E. P. Wright; substitute, Rev. J. R. Peirce.

Delegates to the General Convention — Rev. Charles Burroughs, D. D.; Rev. Edward Bourns, LL. D.; Rev. Thomas G. Salter; Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard; Daniel H. Treadwell, Esq.; Hon. John Whipple; Simeon Ide, Esq.; Hon. Mace Moulton.

Standing Committee — Rev. Charles Burroughs, D. D., Rev. I. G. Hubbard, Rev. Henry A. Coit, Justus D. Watson, Esq., Lyman D. Spaulding, Esq., O. A. Clough.

Trustees of the General Theological Seminary — Rev. Charles Burroughs, D. D., Joshua W. Peirce, Esq.

Which report was accepted, and the several gentlemen named therein were elected.

The Committee also reported that the next Annual Convention be held in St. John's Church, Portsmouth; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention of the Diocese of New-Hampshire be held in St. John's Church, Portsmouth, on the last Wednesday in May, 1858, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Proceeded to elect a Treasurer of the Convention, and Hon. John Whipple was chosen. Rev. Mr. Hubbard offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Convention respectfully request of the Trustees of Donations, Boston, the transfer of the funds in their hands, arising from the glebe lands in New-Hampshire, to the Board of Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New-Hampshire.

On motion, adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, May 28.

The Convention met at 9 o'clock, A. M., pursuant to adjournment. The minutes of yesterday P. M. were read and approved.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of Provisional Deputies to the General Convention, and made choice of Rev. Henry A. Coit, Rev. Henry S. Smith, Rev. Joshua R. Peirce, Rev. Nicholas F. Ludlum, Charles Cunningham, Samuel A. Burns, Arnold Briggs and Horace A. Brown.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to print four hundred copies of the Journal of this Convention.

On motion, the business of the Convention was suspended that the members might attend the meeting of the Board of Missions.

The Convention resumed its business. The minutes were read and approved; and, there being no further business, after prayers offered by the President, the Convention adjourned, *sine die*.

Attest: HORACE A. BROWN, *Secretary*.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BISHOP'S FUND.

May 28, 1856.	Cash on hand,		$18.79
"	received from	St. John's Church, Portsmouth,	93.75
"	" "	Union Church, Claremont,	51.25
"	" "	Trinity Church, "	26.25
"	" "	St. Michael's Church, Manchester,	21.25
"	" "	St. Paul's Church, Concord,	22.50
"	" "	St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	25.00
"	" "	Trinity Church, Cornish,	10.00
"	" "	Trustees of Donations,	200.00
			$468.79

Which is accounted for as follows:

Paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Chase his salary ending June, 1857, as will appear by his receipts,	$450.00	
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	18.79	
		$468.79

There still remains due from Grace Church, Plainfield, $6; also, $2 from Trinity Church, Cornish.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN WHIPPLE, *Treasurer.*

CONCORD, May 27, 1857.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

May 28, 1856.	Dr., cash received from	St. John's Church, Portsmouth,	$21.75
"	" "	Union Church, Claremont,	9.75
"	" "	Trinity Church, "	7.87
"	" "	St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	7.12
"	" "	St. Paul's Church, Concord,	7.13
"	" "	Trinity Church, Cornish,	6.75
"	" "	St. Michael's Church, Manchester,	7.13
"	" "	St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	1.50
"	" "	St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	1.50
"	" "	St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	1.50
			$72.00

Which is accounted for as follows:

June 30, 1856.	Paid	McFarland & Jenks,	$50.00
Sept. 20, 1856.	"	Newton E. Marble,	18.00
March 18, 1857.	"	Newton E. Marble,	1.21
	"	Postages,	.60
		Due Treasurer, May 28, 1856, as by last report,	6.28
			$76.09

Leaving a balance due Treasurer of $4.09.

Due from St. Peter's Church, Drewsville, $2.00; Grace Church, Plainfield, $3.00; Christ Church, Salmon Falls, $1.00.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN WHIPPLE, *Treasurer.*

CONCORD, May 27, 1857.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

NEWTON E. MARBLE,

Treasurer of the Board of Diocesan Missions.

Dr.			Cr.		
1856.			1856.		
May 29.	Received from the Bishop and others,	$124.34	July 5.	Paid Rev. E. Bourns, as per order,	$100.00
July 8.	Rec'd from Miss Elizabeth Sprague,	10.00	Dec. 5.	P'd Rev. N. F. Ludlum, as per order,	12.50
Sept. 11.	Rec'd from Rev. N. F. Ludlum, from St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	5.00	1857. April.	P'd Rev. Francis Chase, balance in my hands,	45.67
Dec. 5.	Rec'd from Rev. N. F. Ludlum, from St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	5.00			$158.17
Dec. 8.	Rec'd from St. Paul's Church, Concord,	7.11			
1857.					
March 19.	Rec'd from St. Paul's Church, Concord,	4.53			
March 27.	Rec'd from St. Paul's Church, Concord,	2.19			
		$158.17			

NEWTON E. MARBLE,
Treasurer of the Board of Diocesan Missions.

CANONS AS AMENDED MAY, 1857.

CANON 5.

OF PARISH MEETINGS.

The wardens, vestrymen, parish clerk and delegates to the Convention, shall be elected by ballot by the parishioners, at the annual parish meeting, in Easter week, and shall continue in office till another election. In cases of expediency, a special meeting may be held for that purpose.

CANON 10.

OF THE DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

SEC. 1. The Convention, at each regular meeting, shall elect by ballot of both orders collectively, four clergymen and four laymen, who are communicants, to act as Deputies from this Diocese to the General Convention. It shall also elect, in like manner, four of each order, of similar qualifications, as Provisional Deputies. They shall hold their respective offices till successors are appointed.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Deputies elect to signify to the Bishop, at least a fortnight before the meeting of the General Convention, their acceptance of the appointment and their intention to perform its duties; in default of which the Bishop shall designate, from the list of Provisional Deputies, as many as may be necessary to ensure a full representation of the Diocese; and the persons so designated, being furnished with the certificate of the Bishop, shall possess the full powers of Deputies of this Convention. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, or the inability of the Bishop, the Provisional Deputies may be designated by the Standing Committee.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Towns.	Parishes.	Rectors.	Baptisms.			Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday Schools		Missionary Contributions.			Others Contributions for religious purposes.
			Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Added.	Died or removed.	Present number.				Teachers.	Scholars.	Diocesan.	Domestic.	Foreign.	
Claremont,	Trinity,	Rt. Rev. C. Chase, D. D.,	8	5	13	11	12	131	10	3	8	...	50	$29.00	$36.00	$20.00	.....
Claremont,	Union,	Rev. H. S. Smith,	8	..	8	1	1	41	8	..	2	6	40	6.00	4.00	.....	.....
Cornish,	Trinity,	Rev. Thomas L. Randolph,	..	1	1	..	2	10	1	1	2	...	8	.....	.....	.....	.....
Plainfield,	Grace,	Vacant,	..	..	..	..	....	12	..	..	..	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Walpole, (Drewsv'le,)	St. Peter's,	Vacant,	..	..	..	..	....	18	..	..	..	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Concord,	St. Paul's,	Vacant,	5	..	5	4	1	72	7	5	4	8	50	13.73	12.72	24.00	$81.62
Hopkinton	St. Andrew's,	Rev. Nicholas F. Ludlum,	..	1	1	1	1	26	2	..	1	4	28	10.00	16.00	9.00	63.18
Manchester,	St. Michael's,	Rev. I. G. Hubbard,	25	1	26	37	19	99	17	10	13	10	34	18.99	25.00	30.00	234.07
Dover,	St. Thomas',	Rev. Thomas G. Salter,	1	..	1	..	7	47	..	3	2	8	40	.....	20.00	6.00	94.26
Portsmouth,	St. John's,	Vacant,	14	3	17	..	....	130	6	7	9	...	70	34.67	33.56	36.00	354.49
Hanover,	St. Thomas',	Rev. Edward Bourns, LL.D.,	..	..	..	..	....	....	..	..	2	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Holderness,	St. Mark's,	Rev. Joshua R. Peirce,	4	3	7	11	2	28	7	1	4	6	34	.....	.....	.....	27.00
Nashua,	St. Luke's,	Rev. E. P. Wright,	..	..	..	..	....	12	..	..	..	5	15	.....	.....	.....	.....
			65	14	79	65	45	626	58	30	47	47	369	112.39	147.28	125.00	854.62

JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIFTY-EIGHTH CONVENTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE

DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

HELD IN

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH,

ON

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 1858.

CONCORD:
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RULES OF ORDER.

1. Morning service of the Church shall be performed every day during the session of the Convention.

2. When the President takes the chair he shall call the Convention to order, and every member shall remain in his seat, unless he rise to address the chair.

3. The President shall speak to points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convention by any member.

4. When the Convention is equally divided, the President shall decide the question by his vote; and when his vote, if given to the minority, shall make an equal division, it shall also be his duty to vote, and in such case the question shall be lost.

5. When a member is about to speak upon any question, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat and address himself to the President.

6. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

7. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention without leave, if he be able to attend.

8. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave of the Convention, nor more than once, until every member wishing to speak shall have spoken.

9. Every member who shall be in the Convention when a question is put, shall give his vote, unless excused for special reasons before a division.

10. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President before being debated, and shall be reduced to writing, if so required by the President.

11. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone to a certain time, to commit, to amend or to postpone indefinitely — which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged.

12. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order; that, and the motion to lay on the table, shall always be decided without debate.

13. When a motion has been decided in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member in the majority to move for a reconsideration thereof on the same day.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Hampshire met, agreeably to the resolve of the Fifty-seventh Annual Convention, in St. John's Church, Portsmouth, on Wednesday, the 26th day of May, A. D. 1858, at 9 o'clock A. M.

The Convention was called to order by the Bishop of the Diocese.

A list of the clergy, canonically members of the Convention, was called, and the following clergymen answered to their names, and took seats in the Convention:

Rt. Rev. CARLTON CHASE, D. D.;
Rev. CHARLES BURROUGHS, D. D.;
Rev. EDWARD BOURNS, LL. D.;
Rev. FRANCIS CHASE;
Rev. HENRY A. COIT;
Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD;
Rev. NICHOLAS F. LUDLUM;
Rev. JOSHUA R. PEIRCE;
Rev. THOMAS G. SALTER;
Rev. HENRY S. SMITH;
Rev. EDWARD P. WRIGHT.

By order of the President, the certificates of the Lay Delegates were presented, and on motion, referred to a committee of three, consisting of Rev. Mr. Hubbard, S. Ide, Esq., and Dr. N. W. Oliver, who subsequently reported the following persons as entitled to seats in this Convention:

Trinity Church, Claremont—Simeon Ide,* Arnold Briggs,* P. C. Freeman.

* Present.

St. Paul's Church, Concord—Horace A. Brown,* O. A. Clough.*

St. Luke's Church, Nashua—T. H. Gibby, R. W. Hills, Charles Cunningham.

St. John's Church, Portsmouth—Lory Odell,* William Rand,* Dr. N. W. Oliver.*

St. Michael's Church, Manchester—Justus D. Watson,* Thos. Hoyt, Timothy W. Little.

St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton—Horace Chase,* William D. Peters, George W. Currier.

St. Thomas' Church, Dover—Charles A. Tufts,* George F. Rollins, William Hale.

Union Church, Claremont—Solon C. Grannis, Alonzo Thomas, Horace Dean.

Resolved, That clergymen officiating in this Diocese, not canonically members of this Convention, and clergymen of other Dioceses, and candidates for Orders, who may be present, be admitted to seats in this Convention.

Under this resolution Rev. J. H. Eames, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Concord, and Rev. William A. Hitchcock, Rector of St. John's Church, Portsmouth, took seats in the Convention.

On motion, the Rules of Order for last year were adopted for the government of this Convention.

On motion, the following Committees were appointed:

On Finance—Arnold Briggs, J. D. Watson, and Rev. Henry A. Coit.

On Nominations—Rev. Dr. Bourns, Rev. Mr. Ludlum, and O. A. Clough.

On Constitution and Canons—Rev. Dr. Burroughs, Rev. Mr. Hubbard, Rev. Mr. Wright, S. Ide, and C. A. Tufts.

Hon. Horace Chase, at his request, was excused from farther attendance on the Convention.

On motion, farther business was suspended to attend divine service.

After divine service the Convention resumed business, and listened to the reading of the Report of the Standing Committee, as follows:

CLAREMONT, N. H., May 27, 1857.

At the Annual Convention of the Diocese of New-Hampshire, held this day, the Rev. Charles Burroughs, D. D., the Rev. I. G. Hubbard, the Rev. Henry A. Coit, and Messrs. J. D.

* Present.

Watson, Lyman D. Spaulding, and O. A. Clough, were elected members of the Standing Committee for the year ensuing.

St. Paul's School, Concord, Aug. 4, 1857.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee, duly called and held at this time and place, the following members were present: the Rev. Messrs. Hubbard and Coit, and Messrs. J. D. Watson and O. A. Clough.

Rev. Mr. Hubbard was requested to act as Chairman. An election of officers was made, when the Rev. Dr. Burroughs was chosen President, and Rev. Mr. Coit, Secretary. At this meeting the canonical testimonial in behalf of Mr. Benjamin F. DeCosta, candidate for Deacon's Orders, was duly signed. Also, the canonical testimonial in behalf of the Rev. Francis Chase, candidate for Priest's Orders, was duly signed.

Attest: Henry A. Coit, *Secretary.*

Manchester, Dec. 21, 1857.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee, duly called and held at this time and place, the following members were present: Rev. Messrs. Hubbard and Coit, and Messrs. J. D. Watson and O. A. Clough. The Rev. Mr. Hubbard was chosen Chairman in the absence of the President. An election of Treasurer of the Convention and of the Bishop's Fund, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the decease of John Whipple, Esq., was held according to the provision in Canon VIII. of the Diocesan Canons, and J. D. Watson, Esq., was elected by ballot.

Attest: Henry A. Coit, *Secretary.*

St. John's Church, Portsmouth, May 26, 1858.

At a full meeting of the Standing Committee, duly called and held at the above time and place, canonical consent was given to the election of the Rev. Sullivan H. Weston, Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New-York, as Bishop of Texas.

Attest: Henry A. Coit, *Secretary.*

The Report of the Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund, and also acting Treasurer of the Convention, were called for and read, and on motion, accepted and ordered to be printed in the Journal. (See Appendix.)

On motion, adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Three o'clock P. M.

The Convention met agreeably to adjournment.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved, when the Bishop read his Annual Address to the Convention, as follows:

THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

Beloved Brethren, the Clergy and Laity of this Convention:

Considering that the annual meeting of our Convention is the beginning rather than the end of a year, and that it belongs in history to the year following and not to that preceding, I think it proper to state that the last Convention was held in Trinity Church, Claremont, on the 27th day of May, 1857. There was a good attendance of both Clergy and Laity, especially of the former. It was, I trust, an occasion of general edification and profit.

On turning to my minutes of correspondence and of care exercised over the Churches committed to my official charge, from which minutes the materials of my annual report are usually drawn, I find nothing which is of sufficient importance to be mentioned here, till I come to

August 30, 1857 — When, at an ordination held in Trinity Church, Claremont, I admitted to the Order of Deacons under full qualifications, tested by the three canonical examinations, Mr. Benjamin Franklin DeCosta. The Rev. Dr. Bourns and the Rev. I. G. Hubbard were present and assisted in the solemnity. A sermon was delivered by myself. As we had not the means to employ him, though very desirous to do so in some of the many waste places of the Diocese, Mr. DeCosta, with my consent, proceeded to Massachusetts, where he has been usefully employed from about the time of his ordination.

October 8. *Thursday.* I commenced a Visitation of the Churches in the eastern part of the Diocese.

On the day just mentioned I visited St. Paul's Church, Concord, preached and confirmed four persons, Evening Prayer being conducted by the Rev. Messrs. Ballard and Coit. This Church was without the presence of a settled pastor for one whole year — from Easter, 1857, to Easter, 1858. During the first four or five months of this period it was supplied by the Rev. Messrs. Coit and Chase, who kindly consented to add this labor to their already onerous cares in the management of St. Paul's School. After that it was, I think, supplied for the most part till Easter last by the Rev. Edward Ballard of the Diocese of Connecticut. In the month of August or September the Vestry made choice of the Rev. James H. Eames of the Diocese of Rhode-Island as its Rector, who was willing to

accept the charge on condition that he should enter on his duties at the following Easter. To this delay of entry both the Parish and myself, under the peculiar circumstances of the case, cheerfully consented. And I am most happy to state, that in conformity with that understanding, Mr. Eames removed thither at Easter, and at once engaged actively in the duties of the Rectorship. It is not improper to mention, what I learn unofficially, that the friends of the Church at Concord have felt the necessity of making an unusual effort in order to secure the services of a Pastor so eminently useful in another field, — "for to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power, they were willing of themselves." In the death of the Hon. John Whipple this Parish (and indeed the Diocese, whose Treasurer he was) has sustained a great loss.

While here I made a short visit to St. Paul's School. The boys were catechised in my presence, and, so far at least as the memory is concerned, showed themselves to be perfectly familiar with that compend of truth and duty. I addressed them in a few words of counsel and encouragement. It is a pleasure to observe the beautiful order and efficiency with which the work of education is here conducted. It would be difficult to find an institution where the work of moral and intellectual training is better done. On Thursday of the week following I was again present for a short time at the annual examination — in which the skill and faithfulness of the Teachers and the proficiency of learners were abundantly proved.

But as I shall have occasion to refer to this School again at a later date, I now proceed with the account of my Visitation.

October 9. *Friday.* I visited St. Michael's Church, Manchester, preached and confirmed eight persons. This service was held in the evening, Rev. Mr. Hubbard reading Prayers, and a numerous congregation attending. The people of this Parish have been sufferers with others in the late embarrassment of secular pursuits. Nevertheless, the work of the Gospel prospers, and the Church shows a warm and earnest life that is most gratifying to the friends of Zion. So signally have the labors of Mr. Hubbard been blessed, that the Church has felt able to relinquish its claim on the bounty of the General Board of Missions.—By special request I passed the late Festival of Whitsunday with this Church, preaching in the afternoon and administering the rite of Confirmation to twelve persons. The

Rev. Mr. Coit preached in the morning, and obligingly assisted the Rector in the various services of the day. A change has been made in this Congregation with regard to its music, which I can not but approve. The organ has been placed near the chancel, and the people of the Congregation constitute the choir. The effect is in pleasing harmony with the spirit of devotion.

October 10. I proceeded to Nashua, a new field, which we have undertaken, by the blessing of God, to cultivate.

October 11. *Sunday.* I made my first Visitation to St. Luke's Church in that city. Divine service was held in the County Court Room — a place exceedingly convenient in all respects — large enough to hold four hundred and fifty to five hundred people. The day was fine, and every thing proceeded in a manner most edifying and satisfactory. Seldom have I enjoyed a holy day so much. In our public services we proceeded according to the plan recommended in my last annual Address to the Convention. First, we had Morning Prayer directly through; after which I delivered a Sermon, the Congregation numbering probably one hundred and twenty persons. Then, afternoon, we had the Litany and Ante-Communion Service, with a Sermon. Lastly, at 7 o'clock P. M., we had regular Evening Prayer with a sermon; after which I confirmed thirteen persons, and delivered to them an Address on the privileges and duties pertaining to their new relations. The large audience room was completely filled, and it was said great numbers went away without being able to obtain an entrance. Never have I seen, in a crowded assemblage, better listeners, or a more commendable observance of order and serious decorum.

I was taken by surprise. When I expected only the hesitancy and indecision of a new organization, I found the prompt, animated, and devotional style of a well-trained and established congregation. The music at all the services was admirable! The perfect propriety and beauty of the chanting, equaled only at St. Mark's Church, Holderness, surprised me. I shall never forget that rich and all-pervading Base. I felt truly thankful that this important portion of our service could be so well rendered in so new a congregation. I was also gratified exceedingly at the fullness with which the responses were made. God be praised for so far and so effectually bless-

ing the unwearied and faithful labors of the Rev. Mr. Wright, and thus, in the most encouraging manner, blessing this our latest undertaking. Mr. Wright had, at the date of my visit, gathered a Sunday School of twenty-five or thirty children, who took a deep interest in the new movement, and who recited perfectly the first half of the Catechism of the Church. It was delightful to see these children so animated in their interesting work, and so closely attentive. The embarrassments which industrial pursuits have suffered for the last eight months, have been seriously felt by our friends at Nashua, though certainly not to their lasting discouragement, as we hope. This must necessarily, in its early stages, be to us an expensive mission. There is nothing discouraging in that, because such are the tokens which point to the future, that our faith must be very weak, if we do not feel sure of "reaping if we faint not." I believe the day is not distant, when hundreds, instead of scores, will extend to us in joyous faith and love the greetings of Protestant Episcopal Churchmen. God has blessed our endeavors thus far by giving us an able and faithful missionary, and by enabling us to sustain him through the uncommon bounty of one of our brethren. May his gracious favor be with us still, and crown our more humble endeavors with more abundant success.

I will add here, though out of place in the order of dates, that on Whitsunday last, in cheerful compliance with the request of our reverend brother, I made another visit to St. Luke's. Accompanied by the Rev. Messrs. Hubbard and Coit, I arrived there at evening. We found a Congregation of several hundreds of persons. Evening Prayer was read by the clergy present, including the Rev. J. R. Peirce. A sermon was delivered by myself, and fourteen persons were confirmed, making twenty-seven confirmed here within the year—a number that can not fail to rejoice the hearts of the friends of this Mission.

October 12. *Monday.* I reached Holderness, where I preached in the evening, the Rev. Mr. Peirce, Rector, reading the evening service. The congregation consisted of one hundred persons at least, probably more. Again,

October 13. We had divine service in the forenoon, when I also preached. Again, in the evening of the same day, we assembled and offered prayers, when I preached and confirmed

sixteen persons. I felt most grateful to God for the rich dispensation of his grace here. The Church was filled with a most earnest, devout, and attentive congregation.

There are several results of the ministry of Mr. Peirce which I exceedingly admire. His Church Music is one thing. Its propriety and beauty seem to be such as can not be attained without long and careful training. The Rector, possessing skill himself in harmonious and melodious sounds, has trained his Sunday School and other young persons in his congregation to sing both meters and chants with singularly admirable effect. The choir may be said to be the congregation, who sing the Canticles and Glorias responsively with the minister. Nothing could be more delightful, nothing more inspiring to the mood of devotion. Let our Churches have the service of holy song done as well as it is here, and they need desire no better style. And to those who would know how this interesting part of solemn worship can be performed in the best manner, I would say, Go and attend, on some pleasant Lord's Day, the worship of St. Mark's Church in Holderness. There is no Romanism, no Tractarianism here! All is right. I think it proper to add, that the organist, too, is a remarkable individual — a musical genius! He is an artisan — and in the morning of our service in Church he left his honorable and useful craft (just as he was, and that not bad certainly) to play the organ. And he did it well too. For this beautiful and heavenly art he has a wonderful aptitude. May the Lord's grace make him a Christian indeed! The Sunday School of St. Mark's is in excellent condition — not very large, but well conducted in all respects. The great desire now is to have a new house of divine service, which is very much needed, and which will at once give the Parish a stable and permanent character. The present house, erected many years ago as a joint stock concern by people of many minds, being most unfortunately and inconveniently located, has been purchased, and is to be taken down, it being the intention to employ the materials in a new structure, which, I understand, can be done to good advantage. This design, however, can not be carried into effect without pecuniary aid to some extent, which I pray may be given by those who have means. Mr. Peirce, through the greater part of last summer, held a five o'clock service on the Lord's Day at the old Church

near Plymouth, which was remarkably well attended, especially by people from Plymouth — who, while I was there, presented him with a liberal token of their grateful regards. Unpromising as this place may have seemed three years ago, I now look upon it as a center of much good to the region around. Hence, I trust, a blessed light will go forth to gladden many hearts.

October 14. According to arrangements previously made by the Rev. Mr. Peirce and Samuel A. Burns, Esq., with the Rev. Mr. Jewett of the Congregational Society at Plymouth, I, with assistance of Mr. Peirce, held an evening service in the house of worship belonging to that society, and delivered a sermon. I desire to record my grateful sense of the favor thus obligingly conferred by the Rev. Mr. Jewett. Nothing could exceed the cheerful activity with which several of his people proceeded to make ready the house, which is one of much elegance and appropriateness for sacred uses, for our accommodation. May the Lord reward them. The evening was stormy and excessively dark; nevertheless a numerous congregation assembled. Mr. Peirce had brought up a goodly number of his singing people, so that, with kind assistance from the regular choir, chanting and other singing were done in perfection. On the whole, I am thankful for this opportunity to present the Church as it is. While here I baptized a child of S. A. Burns, Esq., in whose delightful Christian family I regretted I could remain but one night.

October 15. Toward evening I arrived at Portsmouth, and proceeded at once to the ever hospitable mansion of the Rev. Dr. Burroughs.

October 16. *Friday.* In the afternoon, prayers having been read by the Rev. Drs. Burroughs and Watson, I preached and confirmed eight persons, who were presented by the Rev. Dr. Burroughs, minister officiating *ad interim.* In the evening, after prayers by Dr. B. at the chapel, I again preached. The attendance on these services was much as usual. After a full year, during which St. John's Church was dependent for holy ministrations on temporary arrangements, I am most happy to learn that the Rev. William A. Hitchcock, of the Diocese of Connecticut, has been unanimously chosen Rector, and that he has returned an answer of acceptance, with an expression of his intention to enter immediately on the discharge of his

duties. Thus, by the good providence of God, this ancient Church, after a vacancy of a little more than one year, is again blessed with the presence of a pastor. May the term of his ministry, like that of his distinguished predecessor, be long, useful, happy and honorable.

October 17. From Portsmouth to Dover, I was indebted to the kindness of the Rev. Mr. Hurd for a very agreeable conveyance.

October 18. *Sunday.* Prayers being offered by the Rev. Mr. Salter, I preached in St. Thomas' Church twice, confirmed four persons, and baptized a child of the Rector. This was to me a very agreeable day in Dover. A numerous congregation was in attendance, and the aspect of Church affairs and of spiritual things generally appeared to be much improved. The Sunday School was found to be in a condition highly prosperous. An examination in the Book of Genesis, conducted in my presence by the Rector, was very creditable to teachers and learners.

At evening Mr. Salter obligingly took me to my next appointment, which was at Christ Church, Salmon Falls; where, Evening Prayer being read by him, I baptized an adult and a child, confirmed one person, and delivered a sermon. This Parish is about the same as reported in years past. Depressed and feeble indeed it is. I do not see that our prospects improve at all. At the service above mentioned the Church was full, full to overflowing. Here are four or five families of decided and unfaltering Episcopalians, who desire nothing so much as the coming of the Lord's time to favor Zion.

October 19. I arrived at Hopkinton, where I had requested the Clergy to meet me in Convocation. The chief purpose of this meeting was to make an effort, by the blessing of God, to infuse new life into that depressed and enfeebled Parish. Whether our labors gave strength to the cause, or only administered gratification and encouragement to Christians, (which indeed is much of itself,) remains to be known.

October 20. *Tuesday.* In the forenoon we found there were in attendance the Rev. Dr. Bourns, the Rev. Messrs. Hubbard, Ballard, Coit, Peirce, and Ludlum, Rector of the Church. We met at the rooms of the Rector; where, after suitable prayers, we engaged in the discussion of sundry topics connected with ministerial duties and labors. In the afternoon a special ser-

vice, consisting of the Litany and Ante-Communion, was read, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Coit. In the evening the full service was read, after which a sermon was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Hubbard. At this service the music was performed by the children of the congregation, who had been trained by a lady of the Parish.

October 21. The Clergy again assembled in Convocation. At half past ten o'clock A. M., Morning Prayer was read in Church, after which a sermon was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Peirce. Again, at half past one o'clock P. M., we had the Litany and the holy Communion, with a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Bourns. The Communion was administered by myself, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Ballard. At four o'clock P. M. the children were assembled and catechised, showing a good measure of proficiency. Addresses were delivered by Dr. Bourns, Messrs. Hubbard and Ballard, and by myself. In the evening the full Evening Prayer was read, and two children were baptized by the Rector. I then delivered a discourse on the great motive, derived from the nature of the human soul, to the support of Christian Missions; after which a collection was taken for Diocesan Missions.

This season, on the whole, was a pleasant and profitable one, and, I trust, will long be remembered for good by the people of the place.

Here ended the Visitation, and on the 22d I returned home, thankful for preserving mercy to myself, and for that bestowal of grace which has put some of our Churches in so prosperous a condition, and done much for them all.

November 8. *Sunday.* I visited St. Thomas' Church, Hanover — preached twice, the Rev. Dr. Bourns reading prayers. In an extremely unfavorable state of the weather, we had, I thought, in the forenoon a congregation of 90 or 100 persons — in the afternoon 160 or 170. The Rev. Dr. Bourns still officiates here, as a Missionary, one half of the time. It seems to be necessary that something should be done to improve and secure the Church edifice. For this purpose we are now endeavoring to obtain funds. The sum of one thousand dollars can be expended on the building, it is thought, to great advantage, rendering it in all respects church-like and convenient. The location is unfavorable. We have tried to obtain a better, but are quite unable to do so. A lot materially better can not

be purchased on any terms. It was our duty, therefore, to improve the old rather than build anew. For the work it may be considered that we already have in hand or in bank four or five hundred dollars. We hope it can be raised to one thousand out of the resources of Christian benevolence among our brethren.

November 22. *Sunday.* By invitation of the Rev. Mr. Ayer, pastor of the Unitarian Church in Charlestown, I performed divine service and preached twice in his house of worship. This was one of those days in my life, and this one of those occasions of solemn service which will ever stand out in vivid and pleasant remembrance in my mind before most others. The appointment, which was made in compliance with a most courteous invitation from Mr. Ayer, (who desired me to use the house, for the time, after the manner of our Church in all respects) and with the oft expressed desires of some friends of our Church, was brought on and prepared for in a way very grateful to my feelings and principles. Much pains had been taken to make the appointment extensively known, so that, beside the ordinary congregation, there were present between thirty and forty Episcopalians, by whom the responses were made with most admirable propriety and effect. There was great attention, and all that was said and done appeared to be well received and seriously considered. To the kindness and courtesy of the Rev. Mr. Ayer, (who was necessarily absent at the time) and of his venerable senior associate, the Rev. Dr. Crosby, I desire to express my obligations.

In the month of January, 1858, I received the following notices: from the Bishop of South-Carolina, of the Deposition from the ministry of Alsop Woodward; from the Bishop of Kentucky, of the Deposition of David C. Maybin; from the Bishop of Pennsylvania, of the Deposition of Samuel B. Seaman; from the Bishop of Iowa, of the Deposition of Daniel F. Hutchinson.

I spent the last two weeks of January with our excellent friend, the munificent founder and patron of St. Paul's School at Millville in the city of Concord, (Dr. Geo. C. Shattuck) in Cambridge and Boston — one great object being, beside that of gaining an improved state of health, to assist in the formation of plans for giving additional buildings to St. Paul's

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School. The Committee appointed by the Trustees for this purpose had two meetings. At the first of these we were rejoiced beyond measure at the announcement of another act of noble Christian bounty in the gift by Dr. Shattuck, additional to what he had already done for the institution, of the round sum of $10,000! I shall not try to express the gratitude which filled my heart when the words of this announcement fell on my ear. Dr. Shattuck desired it might be distinctly understood that he did not restrict the trustees in any manner as to the particular purpose to which the donation should be applied. It was, however, understood by us all, that a large portion, if not the whole, would be applied to the erection of a chapel, and a school-room with dormitories for about twenty more pupils than can now be accommodated. Plans for this purpose, exhibited and recommended by Mr. George Snell, architect, of Boston, were adopted by the Committee, and I am happy to add, that the buildings are now in fair progress toward completion. When completed, the whole will constitute an establishment for moral and intellectual culture of almost unequaled attractions. May the institution be owned and blessed of Christ and the Church.

I call your attention to this subject, because, although not now in any recognized connection with the interests of the Diocese, St. Paul's School is destined, in the providence of God, to be an element of great power and resource in the future of our church. And I submit, whether this connection, under just views of that fruit of a Savior's grace which made our feeble Diocese the recipient of so great beneficence, ought not to take some appropriate and significant action as an expression of its sense of benefit and obligation.

While in Boston I preached twice in the Church of the Advent, (my Church in Claremont being supplied under direction of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Southgate) and once in Christ Church, Cambridge.

As I leave the subject of St. Paul's School, an Institution so interesting and important to us on account of its location in our own Diocese, I think it proper to direct the attention of those who may aspire to the forms and privileges of a higher and more advanced education, to an Institution in our sister Diocese of Connecticut. I am informed that an effort is now making to place Trinity College, in point of endowment and

of literary and scientific advantages, in the foremost rank of our country's seminaries of learning. Our Church, thanks be to God, has other seminaries of like order of merit.

To us, in New-Hampshire, the consideration of convenient neighborhood and accessibility may perhaps be of some importance in favor of that refered to in Connecticut.

February 13. Notice from the ecclesiastical authority of North-Carolina of the Deposition from the Ministry of Frederic W. Thomas.

March 27. I gave a Letter Dimissory to the Rev. Benjamin F. DeCosta to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of Massachusetts.

April 1. Thursday night — the night in which the Lord was betrayed — we celebrated the Holy Communion in the Church of which I am Rector. There was a numerous assemblage of the "members of Christ and inheritors of the kingdom of Heaven," to whom the occasion was one of great and affecting solemnity. The full morning service having been read at the usual time, we commenced the solemnities of the night by singing a hymn; after which I addressed the congregation for fifteen or twenty minutes on the events of that darkest and yet most glorious night in a week of unutterable humiliation and suffering. I then proceeded with the regular communion service. That season will be long remembered by many of our flock. To my brethren in the ministry I feel much inclined to recommend this observance.

April 19. I received from the Rev. Mr. Hubbard an exceedingly interesting report of a visit made by him, at my request, to Exeter; of which visit I trust he will give some account in connection with his Parochial Report, or in a statement to the Missionary Board.

April 25. *Sunday.* I made my annual Visitation to Trinity Church, Cornish — preached morning and afternoon, the Rev. Mr. Randolph, of Windsor, Vt., reading prayers. Mr. Randolph has officiated here during a portion of the last year under a division of time with Windsor. The parish, I was glad to see, has done a most needful thing in the enlargement of the area of its Cemetery and rebuilding the fence inclosing it.

At 3 o'clock P. M., I proceeded to Plainfield, where at 5 o'clock, after prayers by the Rev. Mr. Randolph, who still kindly aided me, I preached. The congregation numbered

more than a hundred persons. It is much to be regretted that we can not have a Clergyman to divide between these two feeble Churches. The distance between them is only five miles, and together they could give a comfortable subsistence.

May 5. The Rev. James H. Eames, by Letter Dimissory from the Diocese of Rhode-Island, was received and acknowledged as a Presbyter of this Diocese.

May 9. I visited St. Peter's Church, Drewsville, read prayers and preached morning and afternoon, administered the Holy Communion, and baptized and confirmed an adult. This Church was served through the winter by a Deacon from Vermont, the Rev. Albert D. Spalter, whose stay after Easter the Vestry did not think it expedient to solicit. The long continued vacancy of this parish is a thing much to be regretted. True, it can not give a full support to a clergyman. To a clergyman willing to connect with parochial cares the cares of a boarding school for boys, here seems to be an excellent opportunity for usefulness. A house and grounds of ample accommodations are offered, free of rent for five years, to a well qualified clergyman, who is disposed to engage in the responsibilities of such an undertaking. I observed that the roof of the Church is getting out of repair, and trust that immediate attention will be given to it.

May 13. The Rev. William A. Hitchcock was received as a Presbyter of this Diocese by Letter Dimissory from the Ecclesiastical authority of Connecticut. I also received at the same time from the Wardens of St. John's Church, Portsmouth, a certificate in due form of the election of the Rev. Mr. Hitchcock to the Rectorship of that Church, and of his acceptance of the same.

May 16. *Sunday morning.* I held a Confirmation in Trinity Church, Claremont, of which I am Rector, when ten persons received the "laying on of hands." On this occasion a very large congregation was in attendance, and great seriousness and solemnity marked the whole of divine service.

In the afternoon of the same day I made my annual Visitation to Union Church, in the same town, where I preached and confirmed eight persons. I trust our brethren here will allow me to express my regret at seeing so much need of repairs in the roof of their Church. That which has been

devoted to God should be kept in a condition befitting his holy name and service.

This was a day of great interest to me, a large congregation being convened in each Church, and there existing manifest tokens that the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ was upon the minds of his people. There are now not far from 200 Communicants belonging to our two Churches in Claremont.

There are grounds for hoping that a special Confirmation will be called for in the course of the season in Trinity Church, and perhaps in the other also.

The whole number confirmed during the year is 99. One Deacon has been ordained. All of our churches have been visited by me once, and two of them twice.

I desire to call your attention again to the subject of our Missions; I mean those of the Diocese. Be our disposition for action what it may, we are distressingly crippled for want of means. We can get men enough if we will give them a reasonable support — without which no one can labor. The numerous letters of inquiry and application received by me during certain vacancies, now, thanks be to God, happily supplied, convince me that there are more ministers than the Church has yet provided for. May the Lord enlarge the hearts and open the hands of us and all our people. One of our reverend brethren, to whose sensitive delicacy I fear doing a painful hurt by even a covert reference, has contributed during the last year the munificent sum of $250 to the support of Diocesan Missions. Without this we could not have got on at Nashua. Much as our hearts were set upon it, we must have abandoned the undertaking under the late reverses of business. This sum, I think, is twice as much as the sum total of all our collections in Church. Let us awake to a higher sense of duty. In paying dues to God there is a blessed reäction. With a lightened purse, we are richer toward him. We ought to raise $400 a year at least, beside incidental gifts, to be expended in new undertakings. The thought has been much in my mind of the great good that might be done if we could provide for twenty-five Sundays in the year, to be divided under the ministry of some "faithful and wise steward," or stewards, between half a dozen of our principal towns. I would not look to the immediate effecting of organ-

izations. The first object should be to move inquiry, and to impart information concerning the Church. The good seed would not be sown in vain. It would "return after many days."

This, my brethren, is a day which demands the zeal and activity of all the spiritual life we possess. None of us has known the time, when so many minds at once were arrested amid the pleasures and business of the world and turned with intense earnestness on the subject of religion. Every where men ask, "what they shall do to be saved." Let no self-sparing delicacy or indifference keep us back from bearing a full, firm, and ready testimony for Christ and his Church. Our answer must be, "Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world," and we must be prepared, "in weariness and painfulness" to carry instruction and admonition wherever the Lord shall open a door; giving such discourse to listening ears and believing hearts concerning the institutions and privileges of grace, as shall make it plain to all, how Christ is the "*way*" as well as the "truth," and how in his Church believers are to be built up into him in all things, who is the Head. And may he, "without whom nothing is strong, nothing holy," make us perfect in every thing to do his will. Be it remembered, we can not be faithful to Christ and unfaithful to his Church. Nor can we be faithful to the Church, and unfaithful to Christ. Let us give no uncertain sound either way. A whole Christ is a whole Church, and a whole Church is a whole Christ. Nothing less will satisfy his glorious unity of natures, or fully work the salvation of the souls of men.

On motion, the Parochial Reports were presented and read.

TRINITY CHURCH, CLAREMONT.

RT. REV. CARLTON CHASE, D. D., RECTOR.

Baptisms: adults, 7, infants, 6, total, 13. Confirmed, 10; Communicants, 146; Marriages, 4; Funerals, 5. The Sunday School still numbers about fifty children, who attend more or less regularly. There are two remarkable facts in the condition of this Parish. One is, that there are few children in proportion to the number of families and of adults. The other is, that there belong to the Parish, by the ordinary course of Providence, a number of widows, no less than twenty-seven. The Rector is thankful to add that they are all Com-

municants, and, as he trusts, truly devout and exemplary persons.

Some small addition has been made to the Parish Library, which now contains upward of a hundred and thirty volumes. We have forwarded $14 to the Treasurer of General Domestic Missions, and intend, in the course of the season, to make another collection. Our collection for Foreign Missions amounted to $27.44; that for Diocesan Missions, to $32.39. Paid assessment for Bishop's salary, $26.25. The building debt, to which reference was made last year, is very nearly extinguished. What remains of it will be easily provided for. We have within the year, beside large individual payments on the debt, raised the means for giving the exterior of the Church two good coats of paint. Our next undertaking will probably be to provide a Lecture Room, which is very much needed. Hitherto the Rector has used the large rooms of his own dwelling for that purpose. The good of the Parish demands a more suitable place. It may seem needless to remark that this Parish is entirely at peace within itself, and that all act and speak together, though not with the zeal which were to be desired, yet with mutual kindness and harmony. The Rector thinks he might refer to his congregation for a good example of performing, on its part, divine service. There is an exact conformity to the usages of the Church in most respects, and in point of promptitude, fullness, and expressive earnestness, perhaps the responses are no where better made. As respects the adjustment of the claims of this Parish on that of Union Church, the Rector is sorry to feel obliged to state that no progress has been made. The case, as viewed by the former, seems to be simply this: That the Society for Propagating the Gospel gave to certain trustees a tract of valuable land, which they were to apply to the support of a "Clergyman or Clergymen," of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Claremont. A second Church has been erected, and this demands, as its right, a division of income.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, HANOVER.

REV. EDWARD BOURNS, L. L. D., MISSIONARY.

Nothing very unusual has occurred in this Parish during the past year. The services have been regularly kept up in connection with Norwich, Vt. The congregation has been attentive, and quite as numerous as we could reasonably expect.

We suffered our annual loss of student members of our body at the close of the academic year. Others, it is true, have come in their places; but as our oldest and generally most efficient young gentlemen leave, and we get instead those who are young and inexperienced, we feel grieved at the exchange.

We have still to regret the unwillingness of some among us to come forward and be confirmed. This seems to be

caused, in part, by too great sensitiveness and distrust of themselves, and partly by want of courage to break through old associations.

We were much pleased, at the annual Visitation of our Bishop, in November last, to see our Church building filled, morning and afternoon, with attentive and highly gratified congregations.

I feel again bound to record my obligations to our choir. They have been throughout the whole year regular, efficient, and harmonious — always, especially the village members, in their places. These village members, with some kind aid during the winter months from some of our Norwich choir, sustained the music without failure, and by that means greatly assisted in keeping our people together.

We have received from St. John's, Portsmouth, the interest of the money which they hold of ours, granted us by the Propagation Society. Payment has been made to us promptly for all the interest due us from the time at which we became a regularly organized Parish.

We have done nothing this year toward building a new Church; but have now determined to try and raise funds sufficient to alter and repair our present building. For this purpose we shall have to ask assistance from our friends. We trust, however, we shall succeed.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CONCORD.

REV. J. H. EAMES, RECTOR.

The Parish records present the following statistics: Baptisms: adults 2, infants 17, total 19. Confirmations, 4. Burials, 3. Marriages, 2. Present number of Communicants about the same as last year. Sunday School: scholars, 50; teachers, 8; Collection, $4. Foreign Missions, $4; Bishop's salary, $22.50; Communion Alms, $30.19.

I entered upon my duties as Rector of this Parish last April, and found every thing in excellent condition. The Parish is much indebted to the kind services of the Rev. Messrs. Coit and Chase, rendered up to August 1st, and since then to the faithful administrations of Rev. Mr. Ballard.

Future prospects are opening well, and with God's blessing we hope to see the Parish "lengthening her cords and strengthening her stakes."

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH.

REV. WILLIAM A. HITCHCOCK, RECTOR.

PORTSMOUTH, May 26, 1858.

To the Secretary of the Fifty-Eighth annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Hampshire, now in session in St. John's Church, Portsmouth:

Dear Sir: Not having a canonical residence in this Diocese, and of course not entitled to a seat in this Convention, I respectfully request you to submit to the Convention this annual parochial report of St. John's Church, Portsmouth.

I was elected Rector of the Church on the tenth day of the present month, and entered immediately on the discharge of my duties. With the exception of one marriage, I have no official acts of my own to report.

The Rev. Dr. Burroughs, who has been the acting Rector for the past year, has attended to all the parochial duties of the Church. He has also often preached, although generally the Church has been supplied on Sundays by other clergymen. He has furnished me with the following statistics of the offices which he has performed, and of the state of the Parish:

Baptisms: adults 6, infants 52, total 58. Deaths: adults 6, infants 1, total 7. Confirmations by the Bishop, 8 persons; Marriages by himself, 6 couples, by the present rector, 1, total 7; Communicants, about 130; Number of families, about 125; Sunday Scholars, about 70; Sunday School teachers, about 13; Books in Sunday School Library, about 250; Books in Parish Library, 634.

Contributions. Diocesan Missions, $49.18; Sunday School Union, $30.78; Bishop's Salary, $93.75; Assessment for Convention, $15; Foreign and Domestic Missions, $33.40; Domestic Missions, $33.41; Christmas collection for poor, $59.13; Foreign Missions, $27.59; Ladies' Missionary Society, $115.60; Good Friday for Jews, $5. During the absence of Dr. Burroughs, the Rev. Mr. Slafter, Agent for the A. M. Bible Society, solicited of the Church and obtained in behalf of the A. M. Bible Society, $30.31; total amount, $493.15.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MANCHESTER.

REV. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, RECTOR.

Baptisms: adults 8, children 20, total, 28. Confirmations, 20; Funerals, 9; Marriages, 5. Communicants, added anew, 20, by removal 7, total, 27. Loss: by death 2, by removal 23, total, 25. Present number, 101. Sunday School: teachers, 9; scholars, 82.

Collections at Communion, $133.86; other collections, (including $10 from Sunday School, and $23.80 for Diocesan Missions) $154.60; Subscription for Stoves, $24.10; total $312.56.

This amount has been distributed as follows: Among the poor, $55.89; Convention assessment, $5; to Foreign Missions, $45; to Domestic Missions, $30; to Diocesan Missions, $23.80; Gas and repairs in Church, $22.97; Stoves, $36; Sunday School Books, Tracts, Canticles, &c., $26.04; Moving and tuning organ, $15; Bishop's salary and extra Visitation, 28.25; Fuel for Church, $7.82; Wine for Holy Communion, and incidental expenses, $16.79.

The advancement of this parish has been somewhat retarded by the sudden business derangements affecting especially the manufacturing interests, and compelling the removal of some of its most valued members. It is hoped and believed, however, that its temporal losses have tended to increase its spiritual life. Abundant opportunity has been afforded during the winter for the exercise of charity. The Rector is happy to say that the occasion has been well improved. His heart has been cheered by the manner in which his parishioners have contributed of their means and personal attention to the relief of the needy. Beside the money given in various ways, many garments have been made and distributed by the ladies, and many kind deeds have been done which are written in heaven. Notwithstanding the large removal, the number of communicants has been slightly increased. The Sunday School is well sustained. The interest and attendance of the children was never so good as at the present time. On Christmas evening we had, as usual, at the Parsonage, the Children's Anniversary, Christmas Tree, Christmas Carol, &c. This is always an occasion of joy to both old and young. At the last anniversary our pleasure as well as profit was increased by the presence and happy address of the Rev. Dr. Bourns, of Norwich University. During the winter the organ has been moved from the gallery to the side of the chancel, and congregational singing introduced. By means of a weekly meeting for practice and the training of a small choir of boys, constant improvement has been going on, and the singing is now united in, very generally, throughout the Church, and gives new life and interest to the services. Within a few weeks the interior walls of the Church have been colored with a light neutral tint, adding very much to its appearance. The extra services during Lent were well attended, and the congregation is increasing.

The Rector would also add that, soon after the last Convention, he made a visit, by request of his brethren, and in response to an invitation of some of its citizens, to Richmond, a town in the south part of the State, where, at the time, there was no regular religious worship. He was kindly received, and occupied on Sunday a brick Baptist meeting-house, which in consequence of internal dissensions would have been at the service of the Church for an indefinite period, if she could have found the right man, together with the means partly to support him there. On this occasion, it being quite a rainy day, the congregation coming from a distance, numbered over a hundred, and though wholly unacquainted with our services, they took an audible part in the afternoon.

In the evening of the same day he returned and held service in the beautiful village of Keene, twelve miles distant. Here a congregation of over 200 filled the hall, and quite a number

of church people and others joined in the responses. This is a point of great promise for the establishment and growth of the Church. A few years of faithful missionary labor would give us a permanent habitation in the midst of this intelligent community.

At the request of the Bishop he also made a visit, on the first Sunday after Easter, to Exeter, and held service in the afternoon and evening. This fine old town, the seat of a celebrated academy, had never before been favored with the services of our church. The interest manifested was exceedingly encouraging. The attendance in the afternoon, when all the other religious bodies were in session, was about 100. In the evening there was a very orderly and attentive congregation of 450 persons. The responses were made by those among whom a few Prayer Books had been distributed, and an urgent request was presented by a number of persons to have the services repeated soon. On the whole, we seem to need only zeal, discretion and liberality, to build up our beloved Church in many thriving and important places in the Diocese.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, HOPKINTON.

REV. NICHOLAS F. LUDLUM, RECTOR.

Baptisms: children, 3, adult, 1, total, 4. Communicants: added, 10, removed, 2. Present number, 34. Burials, 2. Sunday School: teachers, 5, scholars, 40. Missionary contributions: Diocesan, $9.88; Domestic, $19.54, of which $6 were Sunday School offerings to the Rev. Mr. Breck; Foreign, $3. Other contributions for religious purposes, $31.05.

From the above statistics will be seen a disproportion in contributions to Foreign Missions. It was thought best to defer the collection, usually made in the Epiphany season, to Midsummer, as a greater amount is then likely to be realized.

We are able to report no Confirmations. We have but very few young men and women connected with the congregation, and it is difficult to persuade them, as likewise the aged, of the necessity of this Apostolic rite.

The Sunday School, through the zealous labors of its teachers, with the blessing of the Divine Spirit, is in a very flourishing condition. ten having been added since the last report. Quite an addition, also, has been made, by removal, to the list of Communicants.

During Passion Week services were held every evening, and were very well attended.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, HOLDERNESS.

REV. J. R. PEIRCE, RECTOR.

Baptisms: adults, 7, infants, 13, total, 20. Confirmations, 16. Communicants: added, 14, removed, 1, lost by death, 1,

present number, 40. Sunday School: teachers, 5, scholars, 34. Marriages, one couple. Contributions: Convention Fund, $1; Bishop's salary, $1; Foreign Missions, $5; Domestic Missions, $5; Communion alms, $30; total, $42.

The condition of this Parish is in the main the same as at the last annual report. Decisive steps have been taken toward the erection of a house of worship. More than half the necessary amount for the same being already in hand. It is hoped that the Church will be ready for consecration some time in the coming fall.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, DOVER.

REV. THOMAS G. SALTER, RECTOR.

Baptisms: 5 infants. Confirmations, 4. Communicants: added, 5, removed, 3, died 1. Present number, 44. Marriages, 6. Burials, 7. Sunday School: teachers, 8, pupils, 42. Contributions: for Sunday School Library, $20; Bishop's salary, $20; alms, $23.24; New-York Bible and Prayer Book Society, $10; for Parochial purposes, $90; total, $163.24.

The general condition of the parish is well maintained. The Sunday School is in a highly flourishing state.

UNION CHURCH, CLAREMONT.

REV. HENRY S. SMITH, RECTOR.

Confirmations, 8. Communicants, died or removed, 4; present number, 38. Marriages, 2. Burials, 10. Average attendance on Sunday School and Bible Classes about 35. Contributions for Domestic Missions, $5; Foreign, $4; Diocesan, $3; for Bible Society, $3.50; Sunday School Library, $7.50; alms, $6.91.

At an agreeable surprise visit of the parishioners at the Rectory on New-Year evening, about twenty dollars, beside many valuable articles for the table, &c., were presented to the Rector and his family. There has been an increased attendance on public worship and the means of grace during the past year, and a deeper interest in religion manifested by the congregation generally, and peace and harmony has prevailed between minister and people, and among the members of the Church. But we lament the continual diminution of the members of the Parish and Church by death and emigration.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, NASHUA.

REV. EDWARD P. WRIGHT, RECTOR.

Congregation: families and parts of families, 40; individuals, 140. Baptisms: adults, 15, children, 29, total, 44. Confirmations, 27. Communicants: added, 17; died and removed, 6, present number, 23. Burials, 1. Sunday School: teachers, 6,

scholars, 40. Bible Class, average 12. Contributions: by assessments for Convention Fund, $1; for Episcopal Fund, $1; by collections for Sunday School, $14.45; for Domestic Missions, $2.78; for Diocesan Missions, $5; Offertory at the Holy Communion, $29.69; monthly for Parish purposes, $36; total, $89.92. Libraries: Parish, 33 volumes; Sunday School, 110 volumes.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper has been administered in this Parish upon the first Sunday of every month, and upon the great Festivals. The average attendance for the year has been seventeen, but for last six months it has been twenty-one. It may be proper to state here that, although but twenty-three Communicants are reported above, it is expected that this number will be increased to thirty-six at the next celebration of the holy Sacrament, a Confirmation having been held immediately before the rendering of this report.

The attendance upon the public services continues steadily on the increase, notwithstanding constant removals; and it is not too much to say, that our incomparable Liturgy has taken a fast hold upon the affections of our people. The Lenten services drew out a goodly number, and were, we humbly trust, much blessed to the hearts of many. Toward the close of that solemn season, eighteen persons received the Sacrament of holy Baptism, nine of whom were adults; and the late Confirmation may safely be said to have been the direct result of these interesting services. Who can doubt the wisdom of our beloved Church in her ample provision for the spiritual wants of all her children? What need can arise which she does not fully supply?

The Parish Library above reported is a donation from the "Bishop White Parish Library Association of Philadelphia," for which we feel truly grateful. The value of well selected circulating libraries, in new fields of labor, can hardly be overestimated. Judicious works upon the doctrines and history of the Church are of immense assistance in correcting the many erroneous impressions respecting her, so common throughout our country.

The Directors of the Nashua Manufacturing Company — through the kindly intervention of an unwavering friend, James S. Amory, Esq., of Boston — have generously donated a most eligible lot to this Parish, as a site for the Church. This may be regarded as a highly important step toward the speedy consummation of our hopes and prayers. The prospect now is, that the Church will be erected in the course of the present year.

To the Diocesan Missionary Society, through the Right Reverend the Bishop, the Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen, on behalf of the congregation, desire to return their most grateful acknowledgments. The aid bestowed by this Society,

exceeding as it did our expectations, has been the means of carrying us through, what it is to be devoutly hoped, was the most trying period of an existence as a Parish.

In conclusion I can not forbear offering some slight testimony to the kindness and attention of all the members of this Parish toward the Rector and his family. And also to the hearty coöperation of the Wardens and Vestrymen, with their Rector, in every movement set on foot for the well-being of the Church in Nashua.

TRINITY CHURCH, CORNISH.

Communicants, 10; Children in the Sunday School, 10. The Rev. Thomas L. Randolph, of Windsor, Vt., officiated here one half of the time from April to November. He having resigned the Rectorship of the Church in Windsor, and being about to remove to other parts, our Church is now, and we fear will continue to be vacant. During the year we have enlarged our Cemetery and renewed the fence around it. Our population is so limited that we can not expect to make much show of numbers. We can easily, it is thought, by help of our endowment, raise half of a comfortable support for a clergyman. It is believed that a resident clergyman would, by "patient continuance," bring together a considerable congregation.

GRACE CHURCH, PLAINFIELD.

Communicants, 12. This Parish remains about the same as reported a year ago, not having enjoyed, except in a single instance, and that at the Visitation of the Bishop, the sanctuary privileges, which are so necessary to spiritual growth. The hope has been indulged of being able, in connection with Trinity Church, Cornish, to obtain the services of a clergyman, but not, thus far, with success. There are considerations which render a supply now peculiarly desirable.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, DREWSVILLE.

Baptisms, 2, of which one was of an adult. Confirmed, 1; Communicants, 19.

The Rev. A. D. Spalter, Deacon of the Diocese of Vermont, officiated here from the beginning of November last to Easter. During, perhaps, the first half of that period a numerous congregation, for the place, was in regular attendance. And it is believed, that if the desire of the people touching the establishment of a school under the direction of a clergyman, could be accomplished, this congregation would grow into one of very gratifying numbers. There is a considerable population round about, which would conveniently center here, if St. Peter's could have a determinate prospect of a settled supply. If our Bishop should report the roof of our church as needing repairs, we should feel obliged to confess some remissness. We

purpose attending to this very soon—being well aware that delays in such cases are dangerous.

The undersigned, Rector of St. Paul's School, Concord, has been fully occupied since the last Convention with the work of the School. It is the aim and endeavor of those who have charge of the School, to carry out the Church system of education, with the profound conviction that if their labor fails of success, the causes of failure must not be imputed to the system itself, but to the imperfection of the human instrumentalities by which it is worked. A Chapel is now in process of erection, by the founder of the School, which will supply what has been greatly needed, hitherto, for the proper religious culture of the household, and in which we hope to gather, ultimately, a permanent congregation at the full Sunday services. The Sunday afternoon service for the neighborhood, and the Sunday School, have been continued without interruption, and the attendance at both is encouraging and regular. The Rev. Mr. Chase continues his valued and efficient labors in the School and neighborhood.

The undersigned has performed 2 marriages and attended 2 funerals during the past year, all of which are reported from St. Paul's Parish, Concord. He has also officiated frequently in Concord, and elsewhere.

HENRY A. COIT.

May 26, 1858.

The undersigned respectfully reports that since the last Convention he has been, as during the previous year, assisting the Rev. Mr. Coit at St. Paul's School, officiating with him at St. Paul's Church, Concord, during the first two months after Convention, and assisting him occasionally in the Sunday services at Millville. He has frequently assisted the clergyman officiating at Concord, in the morning service. In September he officiated at the burial of a child in Millville. In October he held service once at Clinton, Mass., and baptized two children. He also officiated once at Bellows Falls, once at Manchester, and four times at Claremont. Each Sunday afternoon he has held service at the N. H. Asylum for the Insane. The congregation at that place has averaged about 75 persons, of whom 12 to 15 are connected with the administration of the institution. The congregation includes, of the insane, only those who are capable of *some* self-restraint. It is interesting to observe the order, reverence and attention which prevail throughout the services, and to see in this the strong influence of the ministrations of religion over those whom the ordinary restraints of society can scarcely affect. It is to be hoped that some may receive, in these services, seeds of truth, which, when

their melancholy affliction shall have passed away, may bring forth fruit to everlasting life.

FRANCIS CHASE.

NAVY YARD, PORTSMOUTH, N. H., May 10th, 1858.

Right Reverend Father in God:—I have been ecclesiastically connected with the Diocese of New-Hampshire more than two years and a half, and during all that time I have officiated at this Station as a Chaplain in the U. S. Navy.

Divine Service has been held, in the Chapel of this Yard, every Sunday morning and afternoon; and the Holy Communion has been administered on the first Sunday of every month, and also on Christmas Day, Easter Sunday, Whitsunday, and Trinity Sunday. The children, belonging to the families in the Yard, old enough to attend public worship, have been instructed in the Catechism of the Church, "according to the doctrine of Christ," every Sunday afternoon. I have baptized 7 infants and 1 adult, and have officiated at 8 funerals and 1 marriage.

The number of families residing in the Yard, at any one time, is 14, and the whole number belonging to this Station, including the Marine Guard and Ordinary men, varies from 75 to 100 individuals.

I have also officiated occasionally at St. John's Church, Portsmouth, in the absence, or since the retirement of my long time respected and much beloved Brother in Christ, the Rev. Dr. Burroughs, whose constant kindness and valued friendship have been always to me a source of the highest enjoyment.

As I am now under orders from the Navy Department for duty on board the U. S. Steam Frigate Wabash, the Flag-Ship of the Mediterranean Squadron, I shall of course leave this Station very soon; but, if it please God, I shall continue to make reports of my ministerial acts and services to you, as the Bishop of Christ's Church, "who, according to the Canons of the Church, has the charge and government over me," and with whom it has been my happiness to be personally connected in the bonds of Christian love and friendship for more than thirty years.

I am, Right Reverend and dear Sir,
With unfeigned respect,
Your son and servant in Christ,
JOHN L. WATSON, *Chaplain U. S. N.*

A letter from the Secretary of House of Clerical and Lay Deputies was read and referred to the Convention of 1859, and ordered to be printed in the Journal. (See Appendix.)

On motion, that part of the Bishop's Address which relates to St. Paul's School, was referred to a committee of two.

The President appointed as this Committee, the Rev. Messrs. Hubbard and Salter, who, by Mr. Salter, subsequently reported the following resolutions, which were accepted and adopted by the Convention:

Resolved, That this Convention regards with profound and grateful interest the statements made, from time to time, by the Bishop of the Diocese in relation to the founding, endowing and present operations of St. Paul's School — an institution established at Millville, in the city of Concord, for training, according to the principles and discipline of the Church, young men and boys in religion and useful learning.

Resolved, That this Convention hereby expresses and records its high estimate and appreciation of said School as an instrumentality, in the providence of God, for greatly advancing, through its influence, direct and indirect, the course of our Church, and of sound knowledge generally in this Diocese. And that the same be hereby cordially recommended to the confidence and the patronage of the friends of religion and learning.

Resolved, That this Convention, while thus recognizing said School as an institution which promises great good to the cause of religion and the Church, in our Diocese and elsewhere, desires to express its deep and grateful sense of obligation to the benevolent heart and liberal hand of him to whom, under the providence and grace of God, we are indebted for this inestimable blessing — and fervently expresses the hope and prayer that its future administration may be such as shall fully and happily accomplish the noble purposes which moved the mind of the excellent founder.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to forward copies of these resolutions to Dr. George C. Shattuck, and to the President of the Trustees of St. Paul's School respectively.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Committee on Finance having examined the Treasurer's report, find it correct and properly vouched. They recommend the assessment of the following sums on the several Parishes, to defray the current expenses of the Convention: viz.,

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St. Michael's Church, Manchester,	6.00
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The above sums to be paid into the Treasury previous to January 1, 1859.

All which is respectfully submitted,

A. Briggs, *Chairman.*

On motion, the report of the Finance Committee was accepted, and the recommendations adopted.

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Trustees of the General Theological Seminary—Rev. Charles Burroughs, D. D., Joshua W. Peirce, Esq.

Treasurer of the Convention and of the Bishop's Fund—Justus D. Watson, Esq.

Provisional Deputies to the General Convention—Rev. Henry A. Coit, Rev. Henry S. Smith, Rev. Joshua R. Peirce, Rev. Nicholas F. Ludlum, Charles Cunningham, Samuel A. Burns, Arnold Briggs, and Horace A. Brown.

This report was accepted, and the several gentlemen named therein were elected.

The Committee also reported that the next Annual Convention be held in St. Paul's Church, Concord,; whereupon it was

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention of the Diocese of New-Hampshire be held in St. Paul's Church, Concord, on the last Wednesday in May, 1859, at 9 o'clock A. M.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to print five hundred copies of the Journal of this Convention.

The Committee on Constitution and Canons reported, by Dr. Burroughs, to amend the 2d Article of the Constitution, by adding thereto, "unless the Ecclesiastical authority shall see fit to alter the time or place of holding said Convention."

Also, the 5th Article, by inserting after the word Convention, in the third line, "of all ministers who have canonical residence and are of regular standing in the Diocese."

Rev. Mr. Wright proposed farther to amend the 5th Article, by striking out the words, "provided that all such clergymen shall have resided the six previous months in this Diocese."

On motion, these amendments were approved, and by the 12th Article of the Constitution lay over for the action of the next Convention.

The Committee reported to amend the 6th Canon, by substituting in the third line the word "grounds" for "yard;" fourth line, by striking out the words, "repair, decently fenced, clean, as becomes the house of God, and sacred," and inserting instead the words "condition, apart;" ninth line, by striking out the words, "and in case of a vacancy in the Parish, to preside, according to seniority, at the meetings of the Vestry and of the congregation."

On motion, these amendments were adopted. (See Appendix for 6th Canon as amended.)

To insure greater uniformity in the credentials of Lay Delegates, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the following be the form of THE CERTIFICATE of the appointment of Lay Delegates to this Convention, *rendered necessary* by Canon 2d [see page 32 of the Journals of 1856,] viz.,

At the annual Parish Meeting of ——— Church of ———, on the ——— day of ———, [last, or inst.,] A— B—, C— D—, and E— F—, were duly elected Delegates to the Convention of this Diocese, to be held at ——— on ——— next, and that G— H—, I— K—, and L— M—, were also chosen as substitutes. (Signed,) ——— ———, *Parish Clerk.*
[or *Rector* or *Warden*, as the case may be.]

On motion, adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, May 27, 1858, 9 o'clock A. M.

After prayers by the President, the Convention assembled and proceeded to business.

The minutes of the afternoon session of yesterday were read and approved.

S. Ide, Esq., introduced the following resolutions, which, after discussion, were adopted:

The Missionary Field.

Resolved, That the several Parishes of this Diocese be requested to make an effort to raise the sum of fifty cents, or more, for each communicant therein, to be forwarded to the Bishop on or before the first of July next, and to be expended by him toward the support of an itinerant missionary in the Diocese.

Resolved, As the sense of this Convention, That the Laymen of our Communion, having at heart the well being and prosperity of the Church, can in no other way so directly promote the same, as by contributing to increase the amount of the fund proposed to be raised as above.

On motion, the business of the Convention was suspended that the members might attend the meeting of the Board of Missions.

The Convention was again called to order, the minutes read and approved, and there being no farther business, after prayers, offered by the President, adjourned, *sine die*.

Attest: HORACE A. BROWN, *Secretary*.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BISHOP'S FUND.

DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

May 27, 1857.	Cash on hand, per last Report, ...	$18.79
	" received from St. John's Church, Portsmouth, . .	93.75
	" " " Union Church, Claremont, . . .	51.25
	" " " Trinity Church, Claremont, . . .	26.25
	" " " St. Thomas' Church, Dover, . .	20.00
	" " " St. Paul's Church, Concord, . . .	22.50
	" " " Trinity Church, Cornish, . . .	10.00
	" " " St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton, .	2.00
	" " " St. Mark's Church, Holderness, .	1.00
	" " " St. Michael's Church, Manchester, .	21.25
	" " " St. Thomas' Church, Hanover, .	1.00
	" " " St. Luke's Church, Nashua, . . .	1.00
	" " " Trustees of Donations, ...	200.00
May, 1858.	Received Interest on $18.79 above from Administrator of Estate of John Whipple, deceased, ...	.79
		$469.58

Which is accounted for as follows: viz.,

Paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Chase, his salary ending June 1, 1858, as will appear by his receipts, ...	$450.00	
Paid postages, ...	.27	
Cash in hands of Treasurer, ...	19.31	
		$469.58

Respectfully submitted,

JUSTUS D. WATSON, *Treasurer.*

MANCHESTER, May 26, 1858.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

May, 1858.	Dr., cash received from St. John's Church, Portsmouth, .	$15.00
	" " " Union Church, Claremont, . . .	7.00
	" " " Trinity Church, Claremont, . . .	6.00
	" " " St. Thomas' Church, Dover, . .	5.00
	" " " St. Paul's Church, Concord, . . .	5.00
	" " " St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton, .	1.00
	" " " St. Mark's Church, Holderness, .	1.00
	" " " St. Michael's Church, Manchester,	5.00
	" " " St. Thomas' Church, Hanover, .	1.00
	" " " St. Luke's Church, Nashua, . . .	1.00
	" " " Christ Church, Salmon Falls, assessment of 1856, ...	1.00
	" " " Interest from the Estate of John Whipple, deceased, late Treas'r,	.71
		$48.71
Less due Treasurer, May 27, 1858, as per last report.		4.09
		$44.62
Balance due Treasurer, ...		2.50
		$47.12

Which is accounted for as follows: viz.,

May, 1858.	Paid McFarland & Jenks, for Printing,	$38.00
	" For Blank Book,	.38
	" H. A. Brown, express on bundle of Journals of General Convention,	1.25
	" H. A. Brown, postages,	1.25
	" Postages of Treasurer,	.24
	" Herman Cope, Treasurer of General Convention, assessment upon this Diocese toward expenses of the Convention,	6.00
		$47.12
Due from	Trinity Church, Cornish,	5.00
" "	St. Peter's Church, Drewsville,	1.00
" "	Grace Church, Plainfield,	1.00
		$7.00

Respectfully submitted,

JUSTUS D. WATSON, *Acting Treasurer.*

MANCHESTER, May 26, 1858.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

REV. ISAAC G. HUBBARD,

Treasurer of the Board of Diocesan Missions.

DR.			CR.		
1857.			1856.		
Oct. 22.	To Convocation Coll. at Hopkinton,	$3.57	Nov. 11.	By paid to Rev. I. G. Hubbard moneys expended by him in initiatory services at Nashua, also in journey to Keene and Richmond,	$30.46
Nov. 11.	Rec'd from St. Michael's Ch., Manchester,	36.88	Dec. 7.	By paid Rev. Dr. Bourns, as per order,	11.00
1858.			" 29.	By paid Rev. Dr. Bourns, as per order,	9.00
Apr. 17.	Rec'd from St. John's Ch., Portsmouth,	41.13	1858.		
" 24.	Rec'd from St. Michael's Ch., Manchester,	1.75	Apr. 24.	By paid for hall in Exeter,	5.00
" "	Rec'd from estate of J. Whipple, late Treasurer,	7.85	" "	By paid other expenses in Exeter,	5.80
" "	Rec'd from St. Michael's Ch., Manchester,	5.74		Balance on hand	92.12
May 23.	Rec'd from Trinity Ch., Claremont,	32.40			
" 26.	Rec'd from Convention Collection,	9.75			
" "	Rec'd from Union Ch., Claremont,	3.00			
" "	Rec'd from St. Luke's Ch., Nashua,	5.00			
" "	Rec'd from St. Andrew's Ch., Hopkinton,	6.31			
		$153.38			$153.38

ISAAC G. HUBBARD,

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CANON AS AMENDED MAY, 1858.

CANON 6.

OF THE WARDENS AND VESTRYMEN.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the church wardens, (who ought to be communicants) to assist the clergyman in promoting the general interests of the parish; to take care that the church building and grounds be kept in good condition, apart from secular uses; to provide a Prayer Book and Bible of suitable size, and a surplice and other furniture; to make the collections in churches; to furnish the bread and wine for the celebration of the Lord's Supper; to procure a suitable book for keeping the records of the parish; to preserve order during divine service; and to secure occasional clerical services, or lay reading for the edification of the church.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the vestrymen, with the wardens, to take charge of the property of the church, and to transact the temporal business pertaining to the parish; to elect and call a clergyman, and provide promptly for his maintenance, and in the absence of the wardens to perform the several duties specially pertaining to them.

SEC. 3. No meeting of the vestry shall be had, unless at least three days' notice has been given by the Clerk, at the request of the Rector, or one of the Wardens. The Rector, or one of the Wardens, and a majority of the vestrymen shall constitute a quorum.

PHILADELPHIA, April 30th, 1858.

Right Rev. and Dear Sir: It is made my duty by the 50th Canon of 1832, to give you, as "the Ecclesiastical Authority in the Diocese" of New-Hampshire, "particular notice," that the following Amendments of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church were "proposed," at the General Convention of the same, held in the City of Philadelphia, in October of 1856. To wit:— instead of "Article III." as now in force, the following,

ARTICLE III.

Whenever General Conventions are held, the Bishops of this Church shall form a separate House, with the right to originate and propose acts for the concurrence of the House of Deputies, and all acts must pass both Houses.

And instead of "Article VI." the following,

ARTICLE VI.

The mode of trying Bishops shall be provided by the General Convention. The Court appointed for that purpose shall be composed of Bishops only. In every Diocese the mode of trying Presbyters and Deacons may be instituted by the Convention of the Diocese, but the General Convention may establish a Court of Appeals for the revision of the decision of Diocesan Courts. None but a Bishop shall pronounce sentence of admonition, suspension, or degradation from the Ministry, on any Clergyman, whether Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon. Such Court of Appeals not to revise the determination of any question of fact.

I remain, Right Rev. and Dear Sir,

Very respectfully, your Obedient Servant,

M. A. DE WOLFE HOWE,

Secretary of House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

The Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of New-Hampshire.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Towns.	Parishes.	Rectors.	Baptisms.			Communicants.				Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sund. Sch'ls.		Missionary Contributions.			Other Contributions for Religious Purposes.
			Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Added.	Died or removed.	Present Number					Teachers.	Scholars.	Diocesan.	Domestic.	Foreign.	
Claremont,	Trinity,	Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D.	6	7	13	..	..	146	10	4	3	..	5	50	$32.39	$14.00	$27.44	$26.25
Hanover,	St. Thomas',	Rev. Edward Bourns, L. L. D.,																
Concord,	St. Paul's	Rev. J. H. Eames,	17	2	19	..	1	72	4	2	3	..	8	50	..	..	8.00	52.69
Portsmouth	St. John's,	Rev. William A. Hitchcock,	52	6	58	..	..	130	8	7	7	13	70	49.18	33.41	60.39	349.49	
Manchester,	St. Michael's,	Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard,	20	8	28	27	25	101	20	5	9	9	82	23.80	30.00	15.36	213.40	
Hopkinton,	St. Andrew's,	Rev. Nicholas F. Ludlum,	3	1	4	10	2	34	..	..	2	5	40	9.88	19.54	3.00	31.05	
Holderness,	St. Mark's,	Rev. Joshua R. Peirce,	13	7	20	14	2	40	16	1	1	5	34	..	5.00	5.00	32.00	
Dover,	St. Thomas',	Rev. Thomas G. Salter,	5	..	5	5	4	44	4	6	7	8	42	..	..	..	163.23	
Claremont,	Union,	Rev. H. S. Smith,	..	..	..	..	4	38	8	2	10	..	35	3.00	5.00	4.00	17.91	
Nashua,	St. Luke's,	Rev. Edward P. Wright,	29	15	44	17	6	27	27	..	1	6	40	5.00	2.78	..	82.14	
Cornish,	Trinity,	Vacant,	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	10					
Plainfield,	Grace,	Vacant,	..	..	..	..	..	12										
Walpole, (Drewsville,)	St. Peter's,	Vacant,	1	1	2	..	..	19										
			146	47	193	73	54	663	97	27	45	54	453	123.25	109.73	153.79	968.16	

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NOTICE.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of New-Hampshire, will be held in St. Paul's Church, Concord, on the last Wednesday of May, 1859, at 9 o'clock A. M.

HORACE A. BROWN,
Secretary of the Convention.

Concord, June, 1858.

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PROCEEDINGS.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH, CONCORD,
Wednesday, May 25, 1859.

THIS being the time and place fixed by resolution for the meeting of the Fifty-ninth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Hampshire, the Right Reverend CARLTON CHASE, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, with a number of the Clergy and Laity, assembled at the City Hall, in the city of Concord, at 9 o'clock A. M.

The Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. President, the Bishop of the Diocese.

The Bishop laid upon the Secretary's table a list of the Clergy of the Diocese, canonically members of the Convention, which being called, the following Clergymen answered to their names and took seats in the Convention:

Rt. Rev. CARLTON CHASE, D. D.;
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Rev. CHARLES BURROUGHS, D. D.;
Rev. FRANCIS CHASE;
Rev. HENRY A. COIT;
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Rev. JOSHUA R. PEIRCE;
Rev. WILLIAM STEVENS PERRY;
Rev. HENRY S. SMITH.

By order of the President, the certificates of the Lay Delegates were presented, and, on motion, referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Joshua R. Peirce, R. W. Hills, Esq., and Justus D. Watson, Esq., who subsequently reported the following persons as entitled to seats in the Convention:

Trinity Church, Claremont—Simeon Ide, P. C. Freeman, Arnold Briggs.*

St. Paul's Church, Concord—David Davis,* William L. Foster,* Horace A. Brown.*

St. Luke's Church, Nashua—Charles Cunningham,* R. Watson Hills,* Richard O. Greenleaf.*

St. John's Church, Portsmouth—Lory Odell, Ebenezer Wentworth, Albert H. Hoyt.*

* Present.

St. Michael's Church, Manchester—T. W. Little, J. D. Watson,* Thomas Hoyt.*

St. Mark's Church, Holderness—Jonathan F. Keyes, Arthur L. Smyth.

Resolved, That clergymen officiating in this Diocese, not canonically members of this Convention, and clergymen of other Dioceses, and candidates for Orders, who may be present, be admitted to seats in this Convention.

Under this resolution Rev. William Horton, D. D., of the Diocese of Massachusetts, Rev. William Long, of the Diocese of Western New-York, and Rev. Edward A. Renouf, Rector of St. James' Church, Keene, took seats in the Convention.

On motion, the Rules of Order for last year were adopted for the government of this Convention.

On motion, the following Committees were appointed:

On Finance—Rev. J. R. Peirce, Col. David Davis and J. D. Watson.

On Nominations—Rev. I. G. Hubbard, Rev. Dr. Bourns and A. H. Hoyt, Esq.

On Constitution and Canons—Rev. Dr. Burroughs, Rev. Mr. Coit and William L. Foster, Esq.

The Reports of the Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund, and of the Convention, were called for and read, and, on motion, accepted and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The amendments to the Constitution proposed at the last Convention were called up, and—

On motion of Dr. Burroughs, the 2d Article was amended by adding thereto, "unless the Ecclesiastical authority shall see fit to alter the time and place of holding said Convention."

Also, the 5th Article, by inserting after the word Convention, in the third line, "of all ministers who have canonical residence and are of regular standing in the Diocese."

On motion, further business was suspended to attend divine service.

After divine service the Convention resumed business, when the Rev. Mr. Hubbard presented the certificate of organization of St. James' Church, Keene, as follows:

I hereby certify that Thomas B. Kittredge, William P. Wheeler, Samuel Dinsmoor, James Q. Newell, Josiah Colony, Cylem Johnson, F. M. Ballou, Lucius F. Goodnow, John Bixby, Harry Brownson, M. T. Tottingham, D. H. Sawyer, J. D. Colony, and their associates, have associated themselves together as a Religious Society, under the laws of this State, by written articles of agreement, for the purpose of maintaining and enjoying religious worship, in accordance with the usages of the Protestant Episcopal Church, under the name of the Parish of St. James' Church, in Keene; that they have chosen a Clerk, who has been duly sworn; have recorded their proceedings, name and intentions in a book of records kept by said Clerk; and have taken all the necessary steps to become a body politic and corporate, agreeably to the laws of the State of New-Hampshire.

M. T. TOTTINGHAM,
Keene, May 17, 1859. *Clerk of St. James' Parish.*

On motion, St. James' Church was admitted into union with this Convention.

Adjourned to meet at 2½ o'clock this afternoon.

2½ O'CLOCK P. M.

Met agreeably to adjournment, and the roll of the Convention called.

The Committee on credentials of Lay Delegates made a further report, as follows:

St. James' Church, Keene—Samuel Dinsmoor, William P. Wheeler, Harry Brownson.*

St. Thomas' Church, Dover—Hon. Charles W. Woodman, John D. Devin,* William H. Tapley.*

Union Church, Claremont—Alonzo Thomas, William Ellis.

St. Thomas' Church, Hanover—John Davis, O. D. Moody, F. S. Fisher.*

The Bishop then read his Annual Address, as follows:

THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

Beloved Brethren, the Clergy and Laity of this Convention:

The manuscript which I hold in my hand is the fifteenth annual address, prepared and presented by me, touching the mercies of our gracious Lord — the labors of his ministers, and the condition of his Church, in the Diocese of New Hampshire. Truly, "our days are swifter than a post; they flee away." I hope we do not forget that "the day of the Lord draweth nigh," when we shall be called to render an account of our stewardship. May we be found as servants, awake and waiting.

In presenting my account of things that seem to be worthy of note in our Diocese during the past year, I have to state, that I have been enabled, through help from God, to visit all our churches and missionary posts once, and some of them twice; and at the same time, to serve, as sole minister, the largest parish in the Diocese. I desire to be humbly thankful for the grace which has sustained me in these interesting labors; though I cannot but think there must soon be a change.

Our last Convention, which was held in Portsmouth, was of more than usual interest. The usual Missionary Sermon was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Wright, and the Convention Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Coit. Both of these were discourses of great ability and excellence, and I hope were not lost upon us.

It will be remembered that about ten years ago a mission on behalf of our Church was sustained for a limited time in the village of Keene. In remembrance of this, and on the strength of some special encouragement, I, on St. John's day, made a visit there for the purpose of enquiry and observation. It was a visit, which, though made in a time of extreme summer heat, was attended with good effects, and will not be soon forgotten by me for the cheering prospects it so clearly opened. At the house of an estimable

* Present.

Christian lady, "where two or three were gathered together in the name of Christ," I offered Evening Prayer and read a sermon. On enquiry I found a number of Episcopalians, who were exceedingly desirous to have the Church introduced and its solemn service permanently established there. I felt constrained to give assurances that we would see what could be done. This may be considered as introductory to measures and labors, which have resulted in bringing a new and most promising parish into connection with this body. I do not now pursue the subject further; but shall have occasion to refer to it again in the course of this Address.

June 29. *St. Peter's Day.* In the presence of a numerous assemblage I laid the Corner Stone of St. Paul's Chapel at St. Paul's School in Concord. Of the Clergy of the Diocese there were present the Rev. Messrs. Hubbard, Eames, Coit, Peirce, Chase and Ludlum, and the Rev. Messrs. Renouf and Robinson of the Diocese of Massachusetts, with Rev. Mr. Haydon, of Connecticut. I was happy to see also the Rev. Dr. Bouton and the Rev. Mr. Parker, of Concord; Dr. George C. Shattuck, the honored and beloved founder of the Institution; the Rev. Mr. Morrison, from Quincy, Mass.; Mr. Snell, the Architect, and several of the Trustees and patrons of the School. On this occasion I used the solemn and appropriate service prepared and recommended by Bishop Hobart, of blessed memory. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Hubbard and Eames. This day, I trust, will find a place among memorable ones in the history of the Diocese. We may properly consider the sacred exercises, in which we then presented ourselves before God, as the first visible and public demonstration of a determination to maintain in St. Paul's School that great principle of redemption, that religion is an essential part of true education, and ought never to be separated from it in theory or practice.

July 6. I received notice from the Bishop of Mississippi of the deposition from the Ministry of Calvin McGuffee.

July 15. In a letter to the Presiding Bishop I gladly gave my consent to the Consecration of the Rev. Samuel Bowman, D. D., as Assistant Bishop of Pennsylvania.

July 21. Notice from the Bishop of Virginia, of the deposition from the Ministry of J. A. Weed.

July 27. I gave my consent to the Consecration of the Rev. Sullivan H. Weston as Bishop of Texas. To the general regret of the friends of that Diocese this election was, after consideration, declined.

September 9. I commenced the annual Visitation of the eastern part of the Diocese, at St. Paul's Church, Concord, where, after Evening Prayer, read by Rev. Messrs. Eames and Ludlum, I preached and confirmed ten persons. I do not remember to have seen this Church so filled since the funeral of the Rev. Mr. Leaver. Under the faithful and energetic ministry of the Rev. Mr. Eames the Parish is making a powerful movement in the right direction. The old Church has been sold, to be converted into dwelling-houses, and a larger lot purchased on the west side of it. The plans drawn by Mr. Dow, Architect, will give a noble Church. On the 26th of April last, Tuesday in Easter Week, I made a special Visitation to this Church, preached, and Confirmed the large number of nineteen persons — the Rev. Messrs. Eames and Chase reading Evening Prayer. The Congregation, though under the disadvantage of darkness and storm, was very large. For what the Lord is doing for us in the Capital of our State we have reason to be abundantly thankful.

September 11. At the request of the Rector of St. Paul's School I attended a Catechising of the pupils — which was exceedingly satisfactory — the answers being made without hesitation in every instance. After the Catechising I addressed them for a few minutes on the nature and design of the Catechism, and on some topics considered to be of immediate and constant use and interest to them. I was pleased to see evidence of close and respectful attention to the things which were spoken.

September 12. *Sunday.* This was the day appointed for Visitation of St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton. In connection with it I had proposed to ordain my son, Francis Chase, to the Priesthood. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Messrs. Coit and Ludlum — the Sermon was delivered by myself — after which the Candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Coit, who, with the Rev. Mr. Ludlum, joined in the imposition of hands. There have been few days, if any, in my ministerial life, more deeply affecting and interesting to me than this. In my birth-place and birth-church — where I was baptized and had my first Communion, and preached my second sermon — after the lapse of forty years, I was called in the merciful providence of the blessed Redeemer to lay the burdens and responsibilities of the sacred Priesthood on my beloved son — a son, in whose character, intellectual and moral attainments, and strong and steadfast purpose to labor faithfully for the glory of God and the

salvation of men, I have the fullest confidence. The day, I trust, will be long remembered by many at Hopkinton. I have not seen a larger or more attentive congregation in this Church for years and years. The Rector of St. Paul's School, with much pains, obligingly took over his large family, whose ready and full performance added greatly to the life and interest of the responses, and especially to the solemn and beautiful effect of the music. Many hearts, I trust, were warmed and comforted and strengthened by the holy services of this holy day. In the afternoon at three o'clock the children of the parish were assembled for Catechising. The Sunday School had been very faithfully maintained chiefly by the energetic and patient labors of some young ladies. After the Catechising I addressed the children at some length — "both asking them questions," and in plainness of words imparting instruction and counsel. At four o'clock we had Evening Prayer, after which I preached to a Congregation of seventy or seventy-five persons.

I deem it proper to state in this connection, that while here I was informed by the Rev. Mr. Ludlum of his intention to terminate his connection with the parish on the first of January next following. The reason given was inadequate support. The parish accordingly became vacant at that time, and, I am sorry to add, is still without a pastor. It saddens me to think how this once vigorous parish lies under weakness and depression. May the Lord build again.

September 13. *Monday.* I called on several families, and was glad to be able in some cases to administer consolation to the aged and infirm.

September 14. Having returned to Millville, I employed this day in inspecting the new buildings erecting for St. Paul's School.

September 15. *Wednesday.* I attended the annual meeting of the Trustees of St. Paul's School. On examination every thing was found to be prospering in a manner equal, I might record, to our desires, and beyond our expectations. Religion and learning are truly the great business here.

September 16. I visited St. Michael's Church, Manchester; preached and confirmed six persons in the evening. The extreme inclemency of the weather prevented the attendance of several of the Candidates. In cheerful compliance with request, I made a special visit to this Church on Monday last, when, after a sermon, delivered by the Rev. Dr. Horton, of Massachusetts, I confirmed eleven persons. The

Rev. Mr. Hubbard is still laboring here with great success and usefulness. The removal of the organ from the gallery to the side of the chancel continues, I believe, to be generally regarded with favor. This, in my view, is right; and I cannot but wish that this arrangement prevailed in all our Churches. God hasten the time when the music of the Church shall cease to be behind the backs of the Congregation.

September 17. I proceeded to Nashua, where the Rev. N. W. Monroe was found officiating under an arrangement with the Rev. E. P. Wright. In the evening I preached to a Congregation of about seventy-five persons. After divine service the Vestry remained to consult about the affairs of the parish. Mr. Wright had resigned the Rectorship in the month of August, while on a visit to his native country — but left Mr. Monroe to officiate till October. It is due to the history of St. Luke's parish to state here, that one great object of Mr. Wright in going abroad was to solicit among his friends and others donations to aid in erecting for it a Church. With a view to help on the generous undertaking, I drew up, at his request, a letter of cordiality and recommendation, which was signed by myself and by most of the Clergy of the Diocese. In his letter announcing his resignation, he assured me of his determination still to prosecute the object of his mission. As yet I have received no report, and therefore cannot inform you whether the labors of our brother were or were not attended with success. He will, I trust, in due time make all proper returns. While speaking of this parish I think it proper to add, though it be out of order as respects dates, and I add most gladly, that near the end of November the Rev. William Stevens Perry was chosen Rector, and entered on his duties as such on Advent Sunday. Thus speedily and happily was the vacancy supplied. A state of good feeling now prevails, and we have reason to hope that the cause of truth, righteousness and peace will go onward prosperously. Mr. Perry is laboring, as I judge, with great energy and acceptance.

September 18. I proceeded to St. Mark's Church, Holderness. Here, as usual, my Visitation was extremely interesting and agreeable.

September 19. I preached morning and evening, and confirmed four persons. In the afternoon we held a public Catechising of the children, at which they acquitted themselves to the best advantage. After the Catechising I addressed at considerable length, first, the children, then the

parents, and was listened to with great attention. To hear the praises of God chanted and sung in this Church does one's heart good. So inspiring is the music that I really find a difficulty in speaking of it with moderation. The chants are done antiphonally — the minister singing one verse and the Congregation the next. The organist did his duty admirably at the organ. The responses, too, in point of form and manner, were just as a devout Churchman would desire them to be. The enterprise of erecting a new Church goes steadily forward, and I hope will be completed during the year. In a word, the prospects here, in all respects, continue exceedingly satisfactory. I was glad to find the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Peirce, making provision for a permanent residence. He has purchased, repaired and remodeled a very comfortable dwelling, where he enjoys the comforts of home. "What hath God wrought" in this enterprising village!

September 20. *Monday.* The Rev. Mr. Peirce kindly took me over to Plymouth, where I again enjoyed the delightful hospitality of our excellent friends, Mr. and Mrs. Burns. And here I have great pleasure in again acknowledging the obligations we are laid under by the Rev. Mr. Jewett, pastor of the Congregational Church in that town, who, with graceful accordance, gave us the use of his house of worship for an evening service and sermon. Mr. Peirce's organist and many of his singing people were present, and greatly aided in the general effect. The Congregation was large, and the responses well sustained throughout.

September 21. I returned to Concord, whence on the same day I proceeded to Portsmouth, where, at the house of the Rev. Mr. Hitchcock, Rector of St. John's Church, I was most agreeably quartered. In the morning of Wednesday, the 22d, after Prayers in Church, I preached and confirmed seventeen persons. In the evening, after Prayers, read as in the morning by the Rev. Mr. Hitchcock, I preached again. In each case we had about the usual Congregation. Mr. Hitchcock has commenced in this field of duty with great, and intelligent, and judicious zeal, and I look with confidence for a ministry of eminent success and usefulness. May the blessing of God rest on him and on the flock committed to his charge. The Sunday School, I was informed, had very much increased, while a general interest was taken in making it an efficient instrument of good to the young. I was glad to meet here the Rev. T. B. Bartow, a Chaplain in the Navy of the United States, stationed at the Navy

Yard. Though his ecclesiastical connection is with the Diocese of Georgia, it is a pleasure to have him with us locally.

September 23. Mr. Hitchcock kindly took a carriage and drove me to Dover, where, as usual, I stopped at the hospitable mansion of the Rev. Mr. Salter. In the afternoon I preached and confirmed three persons. This parish seems to me to be reviving, and to be doing better than it has done for some years back. We had the largest week-day Congregation I have seen here for several visitations. It can hardly be amiss to remark, that the windows of St. Thomas' Church are so darkened by curtains, that there is to me a great deficiency of light. By reason, perhaps, of an unhealthy condition of the organs of sight, this is with me a very serious inconvenience in many Churches. While I was here Mr. Salter kindly took me to see the Rev. George E. Hurd, a promising young Clergyman, then wasting away with consumption. I found him very low — strong in faith and joyous in hope — willing to live and willing to die, as the Lord should please. We knelt by his bedside with his afflicted and pious mother, and offered up our fervent prayers, that our gracious Saviour would show loving kindness in this extremity of our suffering brother. Mr. Hurd died, I think, on the 20th day of October, at the age of twenty-eight years. His health had been failing for more than two years. On this account, instead of advancing to the Priesthood, he felt obliged, though in great sorrow of heart, to leave altogether the field of duty he had chosen, and in which he could not have failed to be useful.

I had made an appointment to spend a day at Salmon Falls. This, however, was withdrawn in consequence of a letter, from which it appeared to be inexpedient to make a visitation at that time. Many things have operated against us in this entirely manufacturing village, where the general course of affairs follows a peculiar lead. Whether there are ever to be brighter tokens I am not able to judge. The Lord mercifully grant that the way of duty may be made plain to his people.

From Dover I returned directly to my home in Claremont, and to the labors of a Parish Rector and Pastor — thankful to God for preserving mercy and strengthening grace.

This was, on the whole, a Visitation of great interest to me on many accounts. I could not but feel that I had much to be thankful for in the blessing of God upon the Churches, which, though the numbers confirmed were small, were, for the most part, evidently standing in improved strength. I

saw indications, which I could not distrust, that the minds of many persons, religiously inclined, were inquiring out the ways and workings of the Church.

October 17. I visited St. Thomas' Church, Hanover; preached twice, and confirmed two persons. Also, with assistance of the Rev. Dr. Bourns, (who, moreover, read Morning and Evening Prayer,) I administered the Holy Communion. There were present thirteen communicants. The Congregation was larger, I thought, than I had seen there before. The number of students, Medical and College, I was told, could not be less than one hundred — divers of these being Episcopalians. This was a thing of which I could not but think much. Seeds of truth and Christian order thrown into the minds of these young men will not be lost. It is much to be regretted that we cannot have two full services in this place on the Lord's day. The daily presence of the pastor, going socially and freely in and out among the people, whom students might readily and familiarly consult about their spiritual interests and their plans of life, would do very much good. I am much at a loss as respects the plan of action we ought to pursue here. Our place of worship is thought bad, and badly situated. And yet we have not been able to do better. A building lot materially better we have not been able to obtain or find, at any cost. I have for some time had on deposit in the Claremont Savings Bank, donations amounting to nearly $500, which were given for account of Church building in Hanover. The money is safe, and is on interest at five per cent. I should be thankful for the counsel of my brethren, Clerical and Lay, on this whole and most important subject.

October 31. *Sunday.* This day I spent in Keene, where, by previous arrangement, I was met by the Rev. E. A. Renouf, who had officiated there several times before. It was an interesting day to us and to many people. Divine service, which was held in a very convenient hall, was read by Mr. Renouf — morning and afternoon sermons being delivered by myself. In the morning we had a congregation of eighty persons. In the afternoon, service being held at three o'clock, the hall, it was said, would not receive more than three fourths of those who wished to enter. There must have been nearly two hundred persons. In this, as in some other cases, I give numbers, because they convey definite information. The responses were well sustained. The music, even to the chanting, was church-like and excellent. There is an earnest and devout spirit stirred up in many

minds, and I reckon, with much confidence on the blessing of God on our humble endeavors, that our cause will prosper in that refined and enterprising community. I was glad to learn that several families were present from neighboring towns. At this time an arrangement was made for supplying this mission two Sundays in each month till Easter. In fulfilment of it Mr. Renouf has provided for the second Sunday in each month, and I for the fourth. By the kindness of the Rev. Messrs. Eames, Coit, Chase and Hubbard, of this Diocese; the Rev. Dr. Fuller and the Rev. Mr. Baury, of Massachusetts, and the Rev. Mr. Mines, of Connecticut, we were able to carry out this arrangement without failure. I am not sure that I have here named all the brethren to whom we are indebted in this work. With all it has been truly a labor of love, in the true spirit of Missions. The only pecuniary payment accepted by any one of these servants of Christ, has been simply for the expense of travelling. This expense has been paid thus far out of the collections made under the special resolution of the last Convention. While speaking of this Mission I think it well to mention another visit made by me at a later date, viz., on the third Sunday in Lent. At this time I performed Divine service twice, in the hall occupied by our Mission; preached twice, and administered the Communion to a sick person. This was a very solemn and affecting Communion, in which there were present six participants. I was thankful to find our work still blessed of God, and prospering in an encouraging manner. It was understood that a parish would be organized at or soon after Easter. I am now able to state, that the Rev. Mr. Renouf, late of the Diocese of Massachusetts, has purchased a house, and will soon take up his residence permanently in Keene. This is a step at which we have great reason to rejoice. God be praised for putting it into the heart of this brother to engage so trustfully and resolutely in this Mission. May there soon be a self-supporting Church.

November 1. *Sunday.* By particular request I preached this day in the Church of the Advent in Boston. While there I transacted some important business for St. Paul's School.

November 8. Notice from Bishop DeLancy of the deposition from the Ministry of Daniel Murphy, Presbyter.

November 23. I received a Letter Dimissory from the Bishop of Massachusetts, transferring to the Diocese of New Hampshire the Rev. William Stevens Perry, Presbyter.

January 6, 1859. *Epiphany Evening.* I visited Union Church, Claremont; read service and preached — the Rev. Mr. Smith, Rector, being ill and not able to be present. There had been a severe snow-storm, which made attendance difficult. Nevertheless the congregation was about the same as usual. The singing was a great improvement on previous performances. I learn with pleasure that the means are in hand for repairing the roof of the Church, which I mentioned in my last Address as being in a bad condition.

January 25. *St. Paul's Day.* This was a day of great and memorable interest to the cause of Church education. On this day was consecrated to the service of Almighty God the Chapel of St. Paul's School at Millville. There were present on the solemn occasion my Right Reverend Brother, the Assistant Bishop of Connecticut, the Rev. Dr. Randall, Rev. Messrs. Stickney and Robinson, of Boston; the Rev. Dr. Burroughs, Rev. Messrs. Hubbard, Eames, Coit, Peirce, Perry and Chase, of this Diocese. In the evening of the 24th we had divine service in the Chapel, with a sermon of great interest and power from Bishop Williams. After this I confirmed two persons, one of whom belonged to the School. On the 25th, Morning Prayer was read by the brethren at eight and one half o'clock. At eleven and one half proceeded the Consecration proper. I entered the Chapel with my Right Reverend brother, chanting the 24th Psalm, the Clergy responding. The deed of donation was read by the Rev. Mr. Coit, Secretary of the Trustees of the School. The sentence of Consecration was read by the Rev. Dr. Burroughs. The sermon was delivered by myself from 1 Cor. 8: 1 — "Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edificth." The Communion was administered by myself, assisted by Bishop Williams. The offerings, to the unspeakable surprise of most of us, amounted to the large sum of $1327, which went into the treasury for the benefit of the permanent things of the Institution. At the proper time a collation, by bounty of Dr. Shattuck, the great benefactor and patron of the School, was served up in the new school-room, where eighty persons, including the members of the School, partook of the gifts of a merciful Providence. In the evening we again had prayers in the Chapel, and an able and excellent sermon from the Rev. Dr. Randall. About a dozen of the boys had been trained by the Rev. Messrs. Peirce and Chase to sing in chants, &c., in the most perfect manner. It is scarcely over-praise to say, nothing could exceed their beautiful performance. It thrilled all hearts. And how admirably perfect

the deportment of all the members of the School. May the best of Heaven's blessings rest on the good man — and on his "kith and kin" — who has created in our Diocese this noble Institution of religion and learning.

January 26. With health depressed, as my friends indulgently suggested, by over work, I proceeded to Boston, by invitation of Dr. and Mrs. Shattuck, on whose kind and generous hospitality I staid two weeks, not quite idle or useless, I trust. As to the matter of health I was certainly a great gainer; while I found some things requiring attention connected with the building accounts of St. Paul's School.

January 29. *Sunday.* In the morning I preached in the Advent, and consecrated the elements for the Holy Communion. In the afternoon I preached in the Church of the Messiah for the Rev. Dr. Randall. On the Sunday next following I preached in the morning at the Advent.

February 9. I returned home, with much to be thankful for in the kindness of friends and in the re-establishment of health.

April 4. I received from the Right Reverend, the Bishop of Connecticut, Chancellor of Trinity College, notice of my appointment, in conjunction with the other New England Bishops, of Visitor to that College. With my views of that Institution, and of the importance of sustaining, increasing and extending its means and opportunities of usefulness to the Church, I could not hesitate to give my name and promise of service, whenever occasion should be presented. It must be known to many of you that the friends of Trinity College are now engaged in an endeavor to enlarge the funds and extend the relations of an Institution so unquestionably adapted to meet the wants of our Church. I pray that the endeavor may be crowned with eminent success; and I recommend the Institution to your patronage and liberality.

April 26. I made a special Visitation to St. Paul's Church, Concord — referred to before.

April 27. Dr. Coit obligingly took me up to St. Paul's School, where the half-yearly examination was in progress. I spent the forenoon in inspecting the plans for certain additions to the buildings, which are designed to make room for a larger number of pupils, and in listening to the examination. Besides the Rector and Masters of the School, there were present the Rev. Mr. Hubbard and Prof. Torricelli, teacher of the French language. After the completion of the additions now in progress, it would seem that nothing more can be necessary for the accommodation of at least

fifty pupils. I think it proper to add, that when all is done no debt will rest on the corporation, but that inextinguishable debt, which every member of it will consider due to the heart and hand of the munificent founder. As in the growth and development of our plans for education one thing after another seemed to be wanted, our friend would promptly say, "Mature your plans; you will find the funds ready at your order in such a Bank." Thus, St. Paul's School will stand before the world under no pecuniary incumbrance whatever.

May 1. *Sunday.* I visited Grace Church, Plainfield; read prayers morning and evening; preached twice, and administered the Holy Communion to ten persons. We had a congregation, I thought, of about one hundred persons, a small proportion of whom appeared to be acquainted with the Prayer Book. The parish is still vacant, nor does there seem to be much prospect of a supply soon. There are a few excellent persons attached to the Church, while there is not ability to raise much money. The population of the place has been much thinned by emigration.

At 5 o'clock P. M. of the same day I visited Trinity Church, Cornish, and preached — Evening Prayer being read by the Rev. Mr. Douglas, of Western New York, who had officiated that day at Windsor, Vt., and whom I was glad to greet as the son-in-law of a former and much respected laborer of this Diocese, the Rev. Dr. Hale. This parish is still to be numbered among those which, by reason of circumstances, barely exist in a feeble state, without sufficient materials at hand with which to build up strength. Communicants, 10.

May 8. *Sunday.* I visited St. Peter's Church, Drewsville; read prayers and preached twice, and administered the Holy Communion. This church is still destitute of a pastor. Of course none were prepared for confirmation. The brick building owned by Josiah Bond, Esq., is still offered, rent free, to a suitable clergyman, who will take charge of the church, and at the same time keep a family or boarding school for boys and young men. I cannot but consider this a very attractive opportunity to a man who has a mind for such work. I pray that such an one may be sent of God to this place.

May 9. On my return from Drewsville I stopped a little while in Charlestown, where the Church has some excellent and steadfast friends, whose faithful prayers are daily offered that its blessed privileges may soon be brought near to

them. I promised them that I would soon make arrangements to give them divine service for a day. May the endeavor be kindly received by men and blessed of God, as the visit I gave account of a year ago.

I this day received into ecclesiastical connection with this Diocese the Rev. Edward A. Renouf, by Letter Dimissory from Massachusetts. Under circumstances of great encouragement and promise he takes charge of our mission in Keene.

May 22. In Trinity Church, Claremont, of which I am Rector, I held a confirmation, when three persons received that holy rite. Any further statements respecting this church will appear in the Parochial Report.

May 23. A special confirmation in St. Michael's Church, Manchester, as already mentioned in connection with the account of my regular Visitation.

Such, brethren, are the details of the year. I cannot but fear that I have carried them to a wearisome minuteness. The whole number of persons confirmed by me is seventy-seven.

To a few things I ask your attention. I have been requested to call the attention of our Churches to the wants of the Bible and Prayer Book Society of New York. I do so most willingly. To that liberal and useful institution the Diocese has been indebted for many valuable donations of books. We have never asked favors of it in vain. Let us be grateful, and show that we are so, by taking a collection in all our Churches for the benefit of its treasury. I pray this may be done without exception. Let the Clergy give the people an opportunity to contribute.

As respects the special resolution of the last convention concerning a missionary Itinerancy, it is proper for me to make report here. I have received as follows: From St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton, $11; St. Luke's, Nashua, $5; Trinity Church, Claremont, $105.25; Rev. Wm. Long, for Mrs. Long, $25; St. Thomas' Church, Dover, $25; Mrs. E. A. Olcott, $2; St. John's, Portsmouth, $60; St. Paul's, Concord, $54.84; amounting to $288.09.

On account of the mission at Keene there had, on the 28th of March, been paid $61.47; since that, $19.75; leaving a balance of $206.87. As respects an itinerancy in the more proper sense, I have not yet been able to engage a suitable clergyman for the work. There are several Rectors of Churches among us, who could do this most important work in the best manner. What a blessed act of the righteous

sympathies of the christian heart it would be, if their respective flocks would allow them, for three or four weeks in the year, to take the scrip and the staff in that honorable service. The loss would be more than made up in the renovation of health and pastoral efficiency.

As respects the missions of our General Board, I do not think we of this Diocese are indifferent to our duty. The general cause has an abiding place, I believe, in all hearts. Still, the circumstances of the times, and the wonderful movings of Providence, and the opening of many doors to regions crowded with souls "dead in trespasses and sins," call upon us to awake to higher zeal. I desire to express the hope that all our Churches will seriously consider whether they cannot do more than they have done. Let there be no failure of the regular collections for domestic and foreign missions. To the liberality of the domestic treasury New Hampshire has been greatly indebted for several years. The sum of $650 is appropriated for us. Hanover has $200; Concord, $200; Holderness, $100; and $150 has been kept for Hopkinton, at the desire of the Wardens of that Church, who wished to try if the means, with this, and $50 from the Diocese, could be raised for the support of a Clergyman.

There is one subject more to which I beg leave to call your attention. In the correspondence which I have occasion to hold with the officers of parishes, I am often subject to inconvenience from not knowing who the officers are, and am obliged to resort to circuitous and sometimes dilatory methods in order to reach them. Now to abate this, as well as to secure other ends of information, would it not be well to pass a Canon, requiring that within a reasonable time after an election the names of parish officers shall be returned to the Bishop of the Diocese by the parish clerk? I think the suggestion will commend itself to the judgment of the Convention.

I cannot close this address without a few words in humble recognition of the Providence of God in the removal of an unusual number of our brethren from the ministry of the Church on earth to the Church in Heaven. Many of these were men of strength, and their removal from the field of the militant Church will long be felt as a grief even by those who believe that "the Captain of their salvation doeth all things well." It is delightful to think how many of these our brethren, when they heard the wing of the Spirit's love come to waft their souls to upper worlds,

rejoiced and were exceeding glad that their warfare was accomplished, their iniquities pardoned, and the crown of glory made ready for their heads. The Bishop of New Jersey — when will he be forgotten? Not while the Church has a history. God alone knew Bishop Doane. Enemies did not know him. His friends did not know him. But they trusted him, and never forsook him. Faults he had, for he was a man. But God did much work by him for the Church —and there will ever be grateful souls to cherish his memory. Towards men he was proud, if they accused him; he was humble towards God.

May the Lord give us grace so to live and so to minister in holy things, that in the end we may be found faithful.

On motion — *Voted*, That the Convention adjourn at 4½ o'clock, when it adjourn this afternoon, for the purpose of making preparations for laying the corner stone of St. Paul's Church in this city, which is appointed to take place at 5 o'clock.

Rev. Mr. Perry proposed and read a Canon, to be numbered 19, "Of a Registrar of this Convention," in addition to the Canons now in force, which—

On motion, was referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

The same gentleman also offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, the records of the Eastern Diocese, comprising the annals, for a longer or shorter term of years, of the present Dioceses of Maine, New-Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, have never been printed as a whole; and whereas, it is important to place permanently before the Church the recorded legislation of so large a portion of the American Communion—

Resolved, That a Committee of Conference be appointed by this Convention to lay before the succeeding annual conventions of the Dioceses formerly embraced in the Eastern Diocese, the subject of the republication of the whole, or such a portion of the journals thereof as may exhibit the history of Church progress in New England from the organization of the Eastern Diocese, A. D. 1810, to its dissolution, A. D. 1842.

On motion, the subject of the resolution was referred to the mover, with directions to report thereon at the next session of the Convention.

The Standing Committee made the following report:

PORTSMOUH, May 26, 1858.

At the annual Convention of the Diocese of New-Hampshire, held this day, the Rev. Charles Burroughs, D. D., the Rev. I. G. Hubbard, the Rev. E P. Wright, and Messrs. J. D. Watson, O. A. Clough and C. A. Tufts were elected members of the Standing Committee for the year ensuing.

Attest: I. G. HUBBARD, *Secretary*.

PORTSMOUH, May 26, 1858.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee, held this day, in St. John's Church, in this city, the Rev. Charles Burroughs, D. D., was elected President, and the Rev. I. G. Hubbard, Secretary.

Attest: I. G. HUBBARD, *Secretary*.

CONCORD, June 29, 1858.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee, duly called and this day held at St.

Paul's School, in this city, the canonical testimonials of the Rev. Samuel Bowman, D. D., assistant Bishop elect of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, were signed. Attest: I. G. HUBBARD, *Secretary.*

Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, May 26.

After prayers by the President, the Convention assembled and proceeded to business.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The amendment to the 5th Article of the Constitution, proposed at the last Convention, striking out the words, "provided all such clergymen shall have resided the six previous months in the Diocese," was called up, and, on motion, laid upon the table.

Rev. Mr. Hubbard proposed to amend the 5th Article of the Constitution by striking out the proviso, and instead add the following: "Provided, that in case of the election of a Bishop, no clergyman shall be entitled to vote who shall not have resided canonically the six previous months in the Diocese."

On motion, this amendment was approved, and by the 12th Article of the Constitution lays over for the action of the next Convention.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Committee on Finance having examined the Treasurer's report, find it correct and properly vouched. They recommend the assessment of the following sums on the several Parishes, to defray the current expenses of the Convention, viz.:

St. John's Church, Portsmouth	$18.00
Union Church, Claremont	8.00
Trinity Church, Claremont	8.00
St. Thomas' Church, Dover	5.00
St. Paul's Church, Concord	6.00
Trinity Church, Cornish	2.00
St. Peter's Church, Drewsville	1.00
Grace Church, Plainfield	1.00
St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton	1.00
St. Mark's Church, Holderness	1.00
St. Michael's Church, Manchester	6.00
St. Thomas' Church, Hanover	1.00
St. Luke's Church, Nashua	1.00
St. James' Church, Keene	1.00
	$60.00

The Treasurer's account of the Bishop's Fund has also been examined and found correct, by which it appears that there is now in the Treasurer's hands the sum of $17.31.

There is still due from St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton, $2.00.

The Committee would further recommend that the following sums be assessed on the several Parishes toward the salary of the Bishop for the year ensuing, viz.:

St. John's Church, Portsmouth, (including tythes)	$93.75
Union Church, Claremont, (including tythes)	51.25
Trinity Church, Claremont	26.25

St. Thomas' Church, Dover	20.00
St. Paul's Church, Concord	22.50
Trinity Church, Cornish	10.00
St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton	1.00
St Mark's Church, Holderness	1.00
St. Michael's Church, Manchester	21.25
St. Thomas' Church, Hanover	1.00
St. Luke's Church, Nashua	1.00
St. James' Church, Keene	1.00
	$250.00

The above sums to be paid into the Treasury previous to January 1, 1860.

J. R. PEIRCE, *Chairman,*
For Committee.

On motion, the report of the Finance Committee was accepted, and ordered to be printed in the journal.

The Committee on Nominations made a report, which, being accepted, the Convention made the following elections by ballot:

Preacher of the Missionary Sermon—Rev. J. H. Eames; substitute, Rev. Edward A. Renouf.

Delegates to the General Convention—Rev. Edward Bourns, LL. D., Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard, Rev. J. H. Eames, Rev. Henry A. Coit, Col. Joshua W. Peirce, Col. David Davis, Simeon Ide, Esq., Justus D. Watson, Esq.

Provisional Deputies to the General Convention—Rev. Henry S. Smith, Rev. William S. Perry, Rev. Thomas G. Salter, Rev. William A. Hitchcock, Thomas R. Crosby, Richard O. Greenleaf, William L. Foster, Charles A. Tufts, Esqs.

Standing Committee—Rev. J. H. Eames, Rev. Henry A. Coit, Rev. William A. Hitchcock, J. D. Watson, William L. Foster, O. A. Clough, Esqs.

Trustees of the General Theological Seminary—Rev. Henry A. Coit, Col. Joshua W. Peirce.

Treasurer of the Convention and of the Bishop's Fund—Justus D. Watson, Esq.

The Committee also reported that the next Annual Convention be held in St. Thomas' Church, Dover; whereupon it was

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention of the Diocese of New-Hampshire be held in St. Thomas' Church, Dover, on the last Wednesday in May, 1860, at 9 o'clock A. M.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to print six hundred copies of the Journal of this Convention.

Rev. I. G. Hubbard presented the following:

Resolved, That the Trustees of Donations to the Protestant Episcopal Church in Massachusetts be requested, and they are hereby requested, to convey to the Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New-Hampshire, all the right, title and interest they now have and hold in the Glebe rights, so called, in the State of New-Hampshire, and all the funds by them received, which they now hold, arising from said rights; and that said Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New-Hampshire, be requested to receive and hold the same in trust for the benefit of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Convention be directed to forward to the Secretary of the Trustees of Donations to the Protestant Episcopal Church in Massachusetts an attested copy of these resolutions.

Adopted.

Rev. F. Chase presented his report as Treasurer of the Board of Diocesan Missions. (See Appendix.)

Rev. Mr. Hubbard presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., is regarded with peculiar interest and favor by this Convention, both for its own merits and as the Church College of New England.

Resolved, That while for desirableness of situation it stands unrivalled, it affords, in the opinion of this Convention, the highest advantages in all the departments of collegiate instruction; and that especially as combining sound religious influences with the highest mental culture, it commends itself to the cordial support of all churchmen in this vicinity, as the best institution for the education of the sons of the Church.

The Parochial Reports were presented, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Peirce, it was voted to amend section 2 of Canon 3, by inserting after the word parish, in the 6th line, the words "and of the names of the Wardens, Treasurer and Clerk of said parish."

Rev. Dr. Burroughs, as chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, to whom was referred the new Canon relating to a Registrar, proposed by Rev. Mr. Perry, reported the same without amendment, and moved that it be adopted, and that Rev. William Stevens Perry be elected Registrar of this Convention.

Adopted, and Mr. Perry elected.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Hubbard—

Resolved, That the clerical members of the Standing Committee be a committee to assist the Bishop in regard to itinerant Diocesan Missions.

Adopted.

The President called attention to a vote passed in 1856, and printed on page 21 of the journal of that year, directing the appointment of a committee to prepare a statement of the condition of the Church in this Diocese, to be presented to the General Convention at its next triennial meeting.

Rev. Messrs. Eames and Hubbard were appointed said committee.

On motion, the business of the Convention was suspended that the members might attend the meeting of the Board of Missions.

The business of the Missionary Board being completed, the Convention was again called to order.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Perry—

Resolved, That the clerical and lay deputies of this Diocese in General Convention, be instructed to present before the next Convention of the Church, the subject of the republication of the early journals of the said Convention, or such abstract or digest of the same as may be deemed sufficient to make the recorded legislation of the Church more generally known and more easily accessible.

Adopted.

There being no further business, after prayers, offered by the President, adjourned *sine die*.

Attest: HORACE A. BROWN, *Secretary*.

APPENDIX.

TRINITY CHURCH, CLAREMONT.

RT. REV. CARLTON CHASE, D. D., RECTOR.

Baptisms: 8, of which 1 adult. Confirmed, 3; Communicants, 146; Marriages, 2; Funerals, 14. Connected with the Sunday School, we number about 50 children.

For Foreign Missions we have contributed, parochially, $27.44; for General Domestic Missions, $23; for Diocesan Missions, Easter collection, $22, to which add special collection by subscription, $105.25, making the sum of $127.25—to which may be added Mrs. Long's donation for the same purpose, $25. Thus there has been raised in this Church, the past year, for Diocesan Missions, $152.25. The building debt has been reduced to $100; and this rests upon individuals, not upon the Parish, except as a matter of honor. The assessment for the Bishop's salary, $26.25, has been duly paid. For the New York "Bible and Prayer Book Society" we have collected $6 50, as a donation. The Rector felt obliged to yield his desire for a Lecture Room, or Chapel, in favor of what was evidently the more general object of desire—a new Organ—to purchase which, the means were very easily raised. The instrument, which is truly a noble one in all respects, and admirably suited to the architecture and capacity of the Church, is ready to be set up in its place. It has twenty-four stops, and was built by Mr. Nutting, of Bellows Falls, Vt. The Rector still hopes to get his Chapel, at no distant day. Although, from circumstances, the Confirmations reported are few, yet the Parish may justly be considered in a prosperous condition. The pews are all taken up, and still there are frequent inquiries for seats. The Rector continued to hold his Saturday evening lecture in the Academy, a most inconvenient place, until the beginning of Winter.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, HANOVER.

REV. EDWARD BOURNS, LL. D., MISSIONARY.

Our present condition, in this Parish, is much the same as it was at this season last year. Though our numbers are somewhat increased, we have, as usual, lost some of our student members, and gained others instead. Besides these, one Church family has come into the village, and one gentleman, a communicant and head of a family.

Our services have been regularly held, and Communion administered generally every second month, in connection with Norwich, Vermont. The attendance has been rather larger than formerly, and as we now have a free bridge between this village and Norwich, the two congregations are brought more closely together, and several of them show a good disposition to cross the river, and to take part in both services.

Our Bishop visited us, and confirmed two persons—one a devout Methodist, of excellent life and conversation; the other a young gentleman, a student from Ohio, who, I trust, by God's grace, will not dishonor his profession of faith in Christ Jesus.

We made a collection of four dollars for Diocesan Missions. I feel bound to repeat the expression of my debt of gratitude to our voluntary Choir, for their regular attendance and most efficient discharge of their duties. We still lament greatly that we have not yet been able to build a new Church, or repair our old building.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CONCORD.

REV. J. H. EAMES, RECTOR.

Baptisms: Adults, 10; Infants, 12; total, 22. Confirmations, 29. Burials, 5. Marriages, 5. Communicants, 98. Sunday School Scholars, 52. Teachers, 9. Communion alms, $76.21. Domestic Missions, $25.00. Diocesan Missions, $54.84. Bishop's salary, $22.50. Total, $178.55.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH.

REV. WILLIAM A. HITCHCOCK, RECTOR.

Families and parts of families, 140. Baptisms: adults, 10; infants, 26; total, 36. Confirmations, 17. Communicants: added, 18; removed, 4; present number, 125. Burials: adults, 6; infants, 2; total, 8. S. School Teachers, 23; S. School Scholars, 150; S. School Library, number of vols., 240; Parish Library, number of vols., 644. Contributions: Bishop's salary, $93.75; Convention Expenses, $18; Diocesan Missions, $101.13; Domestic Missions, $47.57; Foreign Missions, $29.78; Christmas collection for poor, $38.16; Communion alms, $75.20; Ladies' Missionary Society, $140; Sunday School collection, sent to the Rev. Mr. Breck for Indian Mission, $16; total, $559.59.

It will be proper to add to the facts connected with the Sunday School, that the scholars are instructed in the principles and practice of Church Music, by the chorister of the parish, for an hour each Saturday afternoon.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MANCHESTER.

REV. I. G. HUBBARD, RECTOR.

Baptised: adults, 4; infants, 14; total, 18. Confirmed, 17. Communicants: added, 28; removed, 22; died, 1; present number, 106. Marriages, 4; Funerals, 8. Collections: at Holy Communion, $103.50; other collections in Church, $106.95; occasional contributions, $27.59; sum total, $238.04. There has been appropriated to general Domestic Missions, (including Sunday School offerings, $10,) $25; to Foreign Missions, $22; to Diocesan Missions, $24.90; to the poor, $46.83; on the Church edifice, $59.23; for Books and Tracts, $31.73; incidental expenses, $19.60; sum total, $250.54; leaving a balance against the treasury of $12.50.

This parish is advancing slowly but surely. A number have left during the year. Some whose removal, from their long residence and their liberality to the Church, is most deeply felt. But others have been added, and, on the whole, we are stronger than we were a year ago. The Sunday School, consisting of 11 teachers and 85 scholars, is in an excellent condition, and is beginning to yield good results, as the nursery of the Church. Both the teachers and scholars are constant and heartily interested.

The ladies have continued their charitable labors among the poor.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, HOPKINTON.

REV. NICHOLAS F. LUDLUM, RECTOR.

I resigned this parish at the termination of the year 1858. The following are the statistics: One death; Communicants, 33; Sunday School Teachers, 4; Sunday School Scholars, 30. Contributions: Diocesan Missions, $11; Foreign Missions, $8.28; for other purposes, $34.10.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, HOLDERNESS.

REV. JOSHUA R. PEIRCE, RECTOR.

Baptisms: Infants, 2. Confirmations, 4. Communicants: added, 1; removed, 2; lost by death, 2; present number, 34; Sunday School Teachers, 3; Scholars, 25; Communion alms, $18; Foreign Missions, $5; Domestic, $5; assessment for Convention, $1; assessment for Bishop's salary, $1; making a total of $30.

The condition of St. Mark's Parish is not so flourishing at this time as might be expected, from the fact that it has been without services full one quarter of the past year. The Rector having been absent a portion of the time in collecting aid for the Church now in course of erection, and having been obliged to suspend the services for quite a length of time in consequence of illness, our anticipations in regard to the completion of the new Church last fall were not realized. The work is now well under way; we still need about $500, which being obtained, the work, we confidently hope, will be completed in the course of the coming fall.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, NASHUA.

REV. WM. STEVENS PERRY, RECTOR.

Families, 27; individuals, 126. Baptisms: adults, 1; infants, 7; total, 8. Communicants: added, 19; removed, 7; present number, 35. Marriages, 1; burials, 2. Sunday School: Teachers, 9; Scholars, 30; adult Bible Class, 12. Contributions: Communion alms, (for ten months,) $20.87. Missions: Foreign, $15.25; Domestic, $4; Diocesan, $8; total, $27.25; other pious and charitable uses, $45.88; special subscriptions and monthly offerings, for parish purposes, $57.77; avails of Ladies' Christmas sale for the same, $83.77; total amount of contributions, (exclusive of pew rentals,) $235.54. Libraries: Parish, 80 vols.; Sunday School, 210 vols.

The present incumbent has had charge of the parish only since the first Sunday in Advent, November 28, 1858. During these past six months the congregations have steadily increased; the Sunday School, which had become nearly extinct, has revived; the number of those interested in the movement has been somewhat augmented; and by God's great blessing on humble, patient effort, we have now hopes of final success. To Him alone be the praise.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, DOVER.

REV. THOMAS G. SALTER, RECTOR.

Baptisms: adult, 1; infants, 7; total, 8. Confirmations, 3. Communicants: removed, 2; present members, 52; marriages, 1; burials, 3. Contributions: Diocesan Missions, $25; alms, $20.25; incidental expenses, $51.20; to pay debts of church in full, $209; proceeds of social gathering, $145; gift of Rev. George E. Hurd, for S. S. Library, $25; total, $475.45.

It gives me great pleasure to be able to report, that never, since my connection with this parish, (a period of nearly twelve years,) have there been manifested such clear tokens of prosperity; the attendance upon the regular and occasional services of the church has been increased; several new families from the denominations around us have been added. The Sunday School (now numbering about 50 pupils, with an unusually efficient corps of competent teachers,) has been "begotten again" to new life, and to the most hopeful promise for good. For these and all other blessings, to God alone is due the praise.

I have also gratefully to acknowledge the "free will offering ($100) of Robert M. Mason, Esq., of Boston, for repairs of our Church building. Before closing, I deem it proper to state, that the Rev. Geo. E. Hurd, just before his lamented death, requested his father, (a worthy and respected member of the Episcopal Methodist Communion,) to place in my hands the sum of $25, for the purchase of books for the Sunday School Library of St. Thomas' Church, and that the request was most promptly and cheerfully complied with. May God comfort and fill with His peace the desolate hearts of these now doubly bereaved and childless parents.

UNION CHURCH, CLAREMONT.

REV. HENRY S. SMITH, RECTOR.

Baptisms: 2 adults. Communicants: added, 8; died, 1; present number, 45; marriage, 1; burials, 8; two only of the number belonged to the parish. Collections: for Domestic Missions, $10; Foreign, $5; Diocesan, $5.50; alms, $8.75; Sunday School, same as last year.

It will be perceived by the above figures that the Missionary collections are double the amount last reported, though small. We wish they could be more than quadrupled in the next. In addition to the New Year's contributions of the parishioners, as mentioned last year, and of more than equal amount, on a similar occasion, one member gave us an excellent cow; another member of Trinity parish gave us a pleasure carriage; all of which things contributed to our necessities, and were most thankfully received.

The house of worship is now undergoing repairs.

We have not the gratification of announcing the parish out of debt, as we anticipated would be the case by this time, in the report to the Convention of 1855. In other respects the prospects of the Church are encouraging; and instead of the number of families being diminished by removals, it has been increased the past year by some coming in who attend worship.

TRINITY CHURCH, CORNISH.

Communicants, 10. We can scarcely report any improvement on the last year. Both parochially and individually we have had little but the privileges of private devotion and reading the Scriptures. Hitherto many of us have been able to attend Church at Windsor. But during the year that Church has been without a pastor. At the visit of Bishop Chase on the first Sunday in May, we had a large congregation, composed of people belonging to both Churches. On our side population is thin, and many are discouraged, while others are indifferent. May God send us help from His presence.

For the Wardens.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, DREWSVILLE.

Communicants, 19. The circumstances of this Parish are very little changed, except in the natural wear and decay of time, since the last report. It is still without the blessing of pastoral care, and, as might be expected, makes little if any progress. Nevertheless, we have one great acknowledgement to make, and we make it gladly and gratefully. During about two months of the last summer we were favored gratuitously with one service on each Lord's day by the Rev. Prof. Barton, of New York, who was temporarily staying in Walpole. We shall never forget this "time of refreshing from the Lord." It was delightful and edifying to us all to hear such persuasive words of truth and soberness from such a man of God. While so intensely enjoying this temporary supply of spiritual food, we could not but think sadly of the destitute condition to which we must soon, too soon, return. On the man who showed us this kindness, and on his house, may God's richest blessings rest. We are still hoping a clergyman will be found, who, besides the charge of the parish, will take the generous offer of Mr. Bond, and in his house, now well repaired, and rent free, establish a family school. This is a plan which we think would work well and satisfactorily on all sides.

For the Wardens.

GRACE CHURCH, PLAINFIELD.

Communicants, 12. The only public service we have had during the last year has been at the Visitation of the Bishop, on the first Sunday in May. He then, much to our comfort, administered to us the Holy Communion. Deeply feeling the privations under which we so long remain, we cannot but feel anxious to know whether relief will ever reach us. If we could be joined with some other

station — say at Cornish or Lebanon — it seems to us that, with our portion of the common fund, something might be done for the advancement of our cause in this place. *For the Wardens.*

REPORT OF REV. CHARLES BURROUGHS, D. D.

The undersigned, in compliance with Canon 3d, of 1856, on Diocesan reports, requiring any clergyman without parochial charge, to report whatever services he may have performed, respectfully reports that during the past year he has officiated at Holderness three times; once at North Conway; once at the Glen House, at the White Mountains; once at Dover, where he preached a funeral sermon at the interment of Rev. George E. Hurd, and twice at the Navy Yard, near Portsmouth. In Massachusetts, I preached four times at Charlestown, twice at Chelsea, twice at Church of the Advent, once at the Seamen's Chapel, where Rev. Mr. Robinson is Rector, and once at St. Stephen's Church. I have preached, therefore, more than twenty times. I read parts of Morning and Evening Prayer in King's Chapel, Boston, when it was lent to the Church of the Advent, while the latter Church was undergoing repairs. I have read prayers at several other places. I have baptized one child, and married three couples.

All which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES BURROUGHS,
Resident at Portsmouth, N. H.

The undersigned, Rector of St. Paul's School, has had full employment during the past year in the duties of the School. The year has been marked in the history of the School by the erection of the Chapel, the Corner Stone of which was laid on St. Peter's day, June 29, 1858. The consecration took place on the festival of the conversion of St. Paul, January 25. The first services within its walls were held on the second Sunday in Advent, December 5, 1858, and since there have been full services on Sundays, and on all the holy days of the Church. Till the Chapel was completed, the afternoon service was maintained at the School House. The Sunday School from the neighborhood numbers from 25 to 30 children. There have been in connection with the Chapel—adult baptisms, 2; confirmed, 2; admitted to the Holy Communion, 5; whole number of communicants from the School and neighborhood, 11. The offertory in chapel and the contents of the mission box have amounted to $2,395.12. Of this amount, the sum of $2000 was offered by the founder to defray the expense of the alterations and additions to the School buildings; $300 came from another source for memorial windows in the Chapel; $15 has been appropriated to Japan; $30 to the Rev. Mr. Breck's mission, for the support of a theological student; $14 to St. Stephen's Mission House, Boston, and $30 to Diocesan missions, in accordance with the excellent resolutions of Mr. Ide, of Claremont, passed at the last Convention.

Two funerals have been attended, one of which is reported from St. Paul's parish, Concord. The undersigned would add that his friend and brother, the Rev. Mr. Chase, has been associated with himself in all the various duties and labors of the past year, and the above may therefore be considered a joint report.

HENRY A. COIT.

May 25, 1859.

The undersigned begs leave to report that he has been occupied during the past year, as heretofore, in St. Paul's School, assisting his Rev. Brother, Mr. Coit, in the duties of the School and Chapel. A sufficient report of these will be found over the Rev. Mr. Coit's signature.

He has also officiated occasionally in other places, particularly in Claremont, where he has performed divine service several times when the Bishop was absent on visitations. On the first of November he resigned the position of Chaplain of the New Hampshire Asylum for the Insane, which position, he is glad to say, is now filled by the Rev. Mr. Eames.

FRANCIS CHASE.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Towns.	Parishes.	Rectors.	Baptisms.			Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sund. Sch'ls.		Missionary Contributions.			Other contributions for religious purposes.
			Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Added.	Died or removed.	Present number.				Teachers.	Scholars.	Diocesan.	Domestic.	Foreign.	
Claremont,	Trinity,	Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D.,	7	1	8	..	....	146	3	2	14	..	50	$152.25	$23.00	$27.44	$32.75
Hanover,	St. Thomas',	Rev. Edward Bourns, LL. D.,	..	..	...	..	....	...	2	..	..	..	...	4.00			
Concord,	Chapel of St. Paul's Sch'l,	Rev. Henry A. Coit,	..	2	2	..	....	11	2	..	..	..	25	30.00	44.00	15.00	
Concord,	St. Paul's,	Rev. J. H. Eames,	12	10	22	..	....	98	29	5	5	9	52	54.84	25.00	.....	98.71
Portsmouth,	St. John's,	Rev. William A. Hitchcock,	26	10	36	18	4	125	17	..	8	23	150	101.13	47.57	29.78	321.11
Manchester,	St. Michael's,	Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard,	14	4	18	28	23	106	17	4	8	11	85	24.90	25.00	22.00	166.14
Holderness,	St. Mark's,	Rev. Joshua R. Peirce,	2	..	2	1	4	34	4	..	..	3	25	.....	5.00	5.00	20.00
Nashua,	St. Luke's,	Rev. William Stevens Perry,	7	1	8	19	7	35	..	1	2	9	30	8.00	4.00	15.25	208.29
Keene,	St. James',	Rev. Edward A. Renouf,															
Dover,	St. Thomas',	Rev. Thomas G. Salter,	7	1	8	..	2	52	3	1	3	..	...	25.00	.....	.....	241.45
Claremont,	Union,	Rev. Henry S. Smith,	..	2	2	8	1	45	..	1	8	..	35	5.50	10.00	5.00	8.75
Cornish,	Trinity,	Vacant,	..	..	...	..	....	10									
Hopkinton,	St. Andrews',	Vacant,	..	..	...	1	....	33	..	..	1	4	30	11.00	.....	8.28	34.10
Plainfield,	Grace,	Vacant,	..	..	...	..	....	12									
Walpole, (Drewsville,)	St. Peter's,	Vacant,	..	..	...	..	....	19									
			75	31	106	75	41	726	77	14	49	59	482	416.62	183.57	127.75	1,131.30

DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

J. D. WATSON, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE BISHOP'S FUND. DR.

May 26, 1858.	To amount balance on hand, per last year's report,		$19.31
" 24, 1859.	" " received from the following Churches, viz.:		
	St. John's, Portsmouth	$93.75	
	St. Thomas', Dover	20.00	
	Union, Claremont	51.25	
	St. Michael's, Manchester	21.25	
	St. Mark's, Holderness	1.00	
	St. Luke's, Nashua	1.00	
	Trinity, Claremont	26.25	
	St. Paul's, Concord	22.50	
	Trinity, Cornish	10.00	
	St. Thomas', Hanover	1.00	
			$248.00
	To amount received from the Trustees of Donations, &c.		200.00
			$467.31

CONTRA, CR.

May, 1859.	By amount paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Chase, his salary one year to June 1, 1859, per his receipts	$450.00	
	" amount cash in hands of Treasurer	17.31	
			$467.31
	Due from St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton	$2.00	

Respectfully submitted,

JUSTUS D. WATSON,
Treasurer Bishop's Fund.

Manchester, May 25, 1859.

DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

J. D. WATSON, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE. DR.

May 24, 1859.	To cash received from the following Parishes, towards the expenses of the Convention, viz.:		
	Trinity Church, Claremont	$7.00	
	Union, Claremont	8.00	
	St. Mark's, Holderness	1.00	
	St. Luke's, Nashua	1.00	
	St. Thomas', Hanover	1.00	
	St. Andrew's, Hopkinton	1.00	
	St. Peter's, Drewsville, for 1857	1.00	
	St. John's, Portsmouth	18.00	
	St. Michael's, Manchester	6.00	
	St. Paul's, Concord	5.00	
	St. Thomas', Dover	5.00	
	St. Peter's, Drewsville, for 1858	1.00	
			$55.00

CONTRA, CR.

May 27, 1858.	By balance due the Treasurer from last account, as per report to the Convention.....	$2.50	
May 24, 1859.	By paid McFarland & Jenks, for printing 500 copies of Journal of Convention, 1858...	47.90	
	" paid H. A. Brown, Secretary, postages.....	1.72	
	" paid Treasurer's postages.....	.42	
		$52.54	
	Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	2.46	
			$55.00

Respectfully submitted,

JUSTUS D. WATSON, *Treasurer.*

Manchester, May 25, 1859.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

FRANCIS CHASE,

TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

1858.					DR.
May 27.	Cash received from	late Treasurer.....			$92.12
Aug. 5.	"	"	"	Rev. H. A. Coit, for Nashua.....	62.50
Dec. 25.	"	"	"	C———	10.00
1859.					
Apr. 27.	"	"	"	Trinity Church, Claremont.....	22.00
May 24.	"	"	"	St. Luke's Church, Nashua.....	3.00
" 24.	"	"	"	St. John's Church, Portsmouth.....	48.49
" 24.	"	"	"	St. Thomas' Church, Hanover...	4.00
" 25.	"	"	"	Union Church, W. Claremont.....	5.50
					$247.61

1858.			CR.
June 10.	Paid	Rev. E. P. Wright, as per order.....	$75.00
Aug. 5.	"	Rev. N. W. Munroe, as per order...	62.50
Aug. 6.	"	Rev. Edward Bourns, LL. D.....	25.00
1859.			
May 24.	"	Rev. W. S. Perry, as per order.....	75.00
	Balance in the treasury.....		10.11
			$247.61

FRANCIS CHASE,

Treasurer Board Diocesan Missions.

Concord, N. H., May 25, 1859.

CANON 19.

OF A REGISTRAR OF THIS CONVENTION.

SECTION 1. There shall be appointed by the Convention of this Church, a Registrar, whose duty it shall be to procure all such published journals, papers, reports, pamphlets, and other documents as are now in existence, relating to or illustrating the history of the Church in this State; and also all other such journals, records, and histories of the Church in the United States as are now, or may become, the property of the Convention of this Church;—to arrange, label, file, index, and otherwise put in order, and provide for the preservation of the same, in some safe and accessible place of deposit, and to hold the same under such regulations and restrictions as this Convention may from time to time enact.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the said Registrar to solicit, in the name of the Convention, the donation of any papers, manuscript or printed, in any way relating to the history of the Church in New-Hampshire; and he shall also be further empowered, by the exchange of duplicates, or otherwise, to provide for the increase and perfection of the collections he may procure.

SEC. 3. In the exercise of his duty the said Registrar shall be authorized to draw upon the treasury of the Convention, for the purpose of meeting the expense necessarily incurred in the procuring, preservation and binding of said collection contemplated by this Canon; provided that the annual appropriation of money for this purpose do not exceed the sum of ten dollars.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Registrar to present, at each Annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese, a full and accurate report of all collections of books, pamphlets or papers, made by him in accordance with the requisitions of this Canon, during the last conventional year, with the names of all donors, and a specification of all exchanges of duplicates or appropriations of money; and said report, or so much of it as the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese shall determine, shall be published in the annual journal of the Convention of the Diocese.

SEC. 5. The said Registrar shall hold his office for one conventional year, or until another be duly chosen and appointed in his place.

ARTICLES 2 AND 5 OF THE CONSTITUTION, AS AMENDED IN 1859.

ARTICLE 2. There shall be a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of this Diocese, on the last Wednesday of May, in each year, at such hour and place as the Convention shall determine, unless the Ecclesiastical authority shall see fit to alter the time or place of holding said Convention.

ART. 5. The Convention shall be composed of the officiating ministers, who shall have been regularly admitted and settled in some Church within this Diocese which is in union with this Convention; of all ministers who have canonical residence, and are of regular standing in the Diocese; and of lay members, consisting of not exceeding three delegates from each Church, to be chosen by each Parish at their annual meeting—and in case of the inability of any delegate so chosen to attend, his place may be supplied by the Rector and Wardens, and their certificate shall be signed by the Clerk, the Rector, or one of the Wardens of the Parish; and of clergyman, employed as missionaries, under the direction of this Convention, or of the Board of Domestic Missions of the General Convention; and of clergymen engaged as Professors or Instructors of youth, and of chaplains in the army or navy of the United States holding a canonical residence in this Diocese; and of ministers, whose age and infirmities prevent them from exercising their clerical functions: Provided that all such clergymen shall have resided the six previous months in this Diocese.

SECTION 2 OF CANON 3, AS AMENDED IN 1859.

SECTION 2. Every clergyman, or, if the parish be vacant, the wardens, shall cause to be presented, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, to

the President or Secretary of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals, and of the communicants, (distinguishing the additions, removals and deaths,) in his parish; and of the names of the Wardens, Treasurer and Clerk of said parish; also of the condition of the Sunday School, of the amount of communion alms, of the contributions for missions, diocesan, domestic, and foreign; for parochial schools, for church purposes in general, and any other matters illustrating the condition of the church. If any clergyman shall be without parochial charge, he shall report the occasional services he may have rendered, or, if he have performed no ministerial duties, the causes or reasons which have prevented.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Morning service of the Church shall be performed every day during the session of the Convention.
2. When the President takes the chair he shall call the Convention to order, and every member shall remain in his seat, unless he rise to address the chair.
3. The President shall speak to points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convention by any member.
4. When the Convention is equally divided, the President shall decide the question by his vote; and when his vote, if given to the minority, shall make an equal division, it shall also be his duty to vote, and in such case the question shall be lost.
5. When a member is about to speak upon any question, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat and address himself to the President.
6. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.
7. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention without leave, if he be able to attend.
8. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave of the Convention, nor more than once, until every member wishing to speak shall have spoken.
9. Every member who shall be in the Convention when a question is put, shall give his vote, unless excused for special reasons before a division.
10. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President before being debated, and shall be reduced to writing, if so required by the President.
11. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone to a certain time, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely—which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged.
12. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order; that, and the motion to lay on the table, shall always be decided without debate.
13. When a motion has been decided in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member in the majority to move for a reconsideration thereof on the same day.

CERTIFICATE OF LAY DELEGATES.

At the annual Parish Meeting of ——— Church of ——, on the ——— day of ———, [last, or inst.,] A— B—, C— D—, and E— F—, were duly elected Delegates to the Convention of this Diocese, to be held at ——— on ——— next, and that G— H—, I— K—, and L— M—, were also chosen as substitutes.

(Signed,) ——— ———, *Parish Clerk.*

[Or *Rector* or *Warden*, as the case may be.]

NOTICE.

The Sixtieth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of New Hampshire, will be held in St. Thomas' Church, Dover, on the last Wednesday of May, 1860, at 9 o'clock A. M.

HORACE A. BROWN,
Secretary of the Convention.

Concord, June, 1859.

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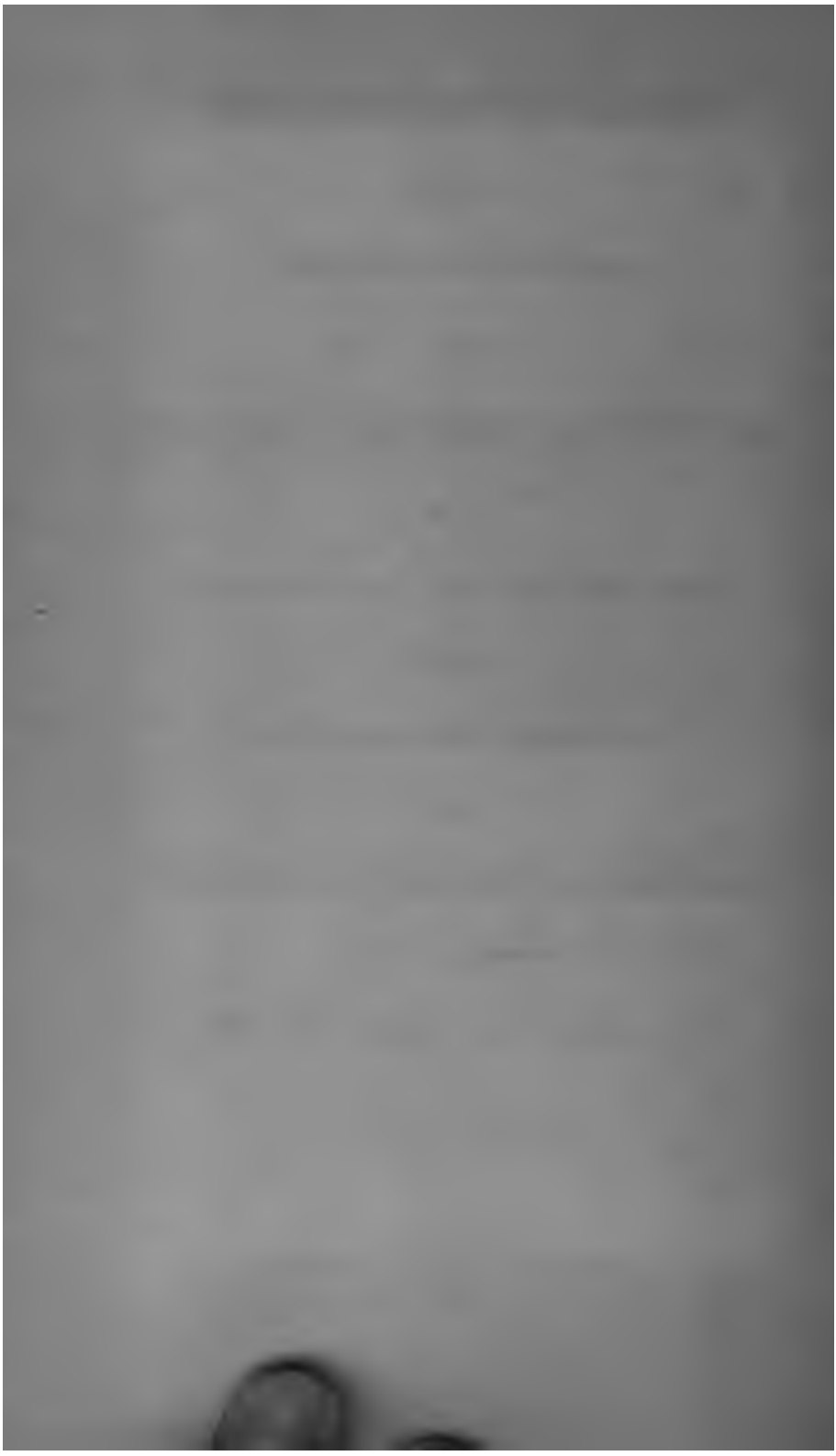

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ON

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TOGETHER WITH THE

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CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

RT. REV. CARLTON CHASE, D. D., Bishop, and Rector of Trinity Church, Claremont.

REV. EDWARD BOURNS, LL. D., Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Hanover.

REV. CHARLES BURROUGHS, D. D., residing at Portsmouth.

REV. FRANCIS CHASE, Assistant in St. Paul's School, Concord.

REV. HENRY A. COIT, Rector of St. Paul's School, Concord.

REV. JAMES H. EAMES, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Concord.

REV. WILLIAM A. HITCHCOCK, Rector of St. John's Church, Portsmouth.

REV. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, D. D., Rector of St. Michael's Church, Manchester.

REV. JOSHUA R. PEIRCE, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Holderness.

REV. WILLIAM STEVENS PERRY, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Nashua.

REV. EDWARD A. RENOUF, Rector of St. James' Church, Keene.

REV. THOMAS G. SALTER, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Dover.

REV. HENRY S. SMITH, Rector of Union Church, Claremont.

REV. JOHN L. WATSON, D. D., Chaplain in the Navy of the United States.

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Treasurer of the Convention.—JUSTUS D. WATSON, ESQ., Manchester.

Secretary of the Convention.—HORACE A. BROWN, Concord.

Registrar of the Convention.—REV. WILLIAM STEVENS PERRY, Nashua.

PROCEEDINGS.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, DOVER,
Wednesday, May 30, 1860.

This being the time and place fixed by resolution for the meeting of the Sixtieth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New Hampshire, the Right Reverend CARLTON CHASE, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, with a number of the Clergy and Laity, assembled at St. Thomas' Church, in the city of Dover, at 9 o'clock A. M.

The Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. President, the Bishop of the Diocese.

The Bishop laid upon the Secretary's table a list of the Clergy of the Diocese, canonically members of the Convention, which being called, the following Clergymen answered to their names and took seats in the Convention:

Rt. Rev. CARLTON CHASE, D. D.;
Rev. EDWARD BOURNS, LL. D.;
Rev. FRANCIS CHASE;
Rev. HENRY A. COIT;
Rev. JAMES H. EAMES;
Rev. WILLIAM A. HITCHCOCK;
Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, D. D.;
Rev. JOSHUA R. PEIRCE;
Rev. WILLIAM STEVENS PERRY.

By order of the President, the certificates of the Lay Delegates were presented, and, on motion, referred to a committee consisting of Rev. I. G. Hubbard, D. D., Col. David Davis, and Arnold Briggs, Esq., who subsequently reported the following persons as entitled to seats in the Convention:

Trinity Church, Claremont—Simeon Ide, Arnold Briggs,* George W. Merrifield.

St. Paul's Church, Concord—David Davis,* William L. Foster, Horace A. Brown.*

St. Thomas' Church, Dover—William Hale,* Charles A. Tufts,* George Mathewson.

St. Luke's Church, Nashua—R. Watson Hills, D. A. G. Warner, Ephraim L. Whitcomc.*

St. John's Church, Portsmouth—Albert H. Hoyt,* William Rand,* Lory Odell.*

St. Michael's Church, Manchester—J. D. Watson, A. A. Dunk,* James Pollard.

Resolved, That clergymen officiating in this Diocese, not canonically members of this Convention, and clergymen of other Dioceses, and candidates for Orders, who may be present, be admitted to seats in this Convention.

Under this resolution, Rev. Theodore Edson, D. D., and Rev. Thomas R. Lambert, of the Diocese of Massachusetts, took seats in the Convention.

On motion, the Rules of Order for last year were adopted for the government of this Convention.

On motion, the following Committees were appointed:

On Finance—Rev. Francis Chase, Arnold Briggs, Esq., and Albert H. Hoyt, Esq.

On Nominations—Rev. Wm. A. Hitchcock, Rev. Wm. S. Perry, and Horace A. Brown.

On Constitution and Canons—Rev. I. G. Hubbard, D. D., Rev. J. H. Eames, and Lory Odell, Esq.

The Reports of the Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund, and of the Convention, were called for and read, and, on motion, accepted and referred to the committee on Finance.

Further business was suspended to attend divine service.

After divine service, the Convention resumed business, when Rev. Mr. Eames presented the certificate of organization of Grace Church Parish, Laconia, as follows, and moved its reference to a committee on New Parishes:

I hereby certify that William L. Avery, George W. Stevens, John C. Moulton, Thomas Appleton, R. K. Parker, O. A. J. Vaughan, J. E. Odlin, J. E. Tower, S. E. Young, and their associates, have associated themselves together as a religious society, under the laws of this State, by written articles of agreement, for the purpose of maintaining and enjoying religious worship in accordance with the usages of the Protestant Episcopal Church, under the name of Grace Church Parish, Laconia; that they have chosen a clerk, who has been duly sworn, have recorded their names, intentions and proceedings in a book of

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records kept by said clerk, and have taken all the steps necessary to become a body politic and corporate, agreeably to the laws of the State of New Hampshire.

O. A. J. VAUGHAN,

Laconia, May 29, 1860. Clerk of said Parish.

The Bishop signified his approval, as required by Canon, and appointed the Rev. Dr. Bourns, Rev. Mr. Eames, and Col. David Davis, a committee, who reported that the organization was regular and according to the Canon upon that subject, and recommended admission of said Parish into union with the Convention.

And, on motion, Grace Church Parish, Laconia, was admitted into union with this Convention.

The committee on certificates of Lay Delegates presented the following further report:

Union Church, Claremont—Solon C. Grannis, William Ellis.

St. Mark's Church, Holderness—Arthur L. Smyth, Thomas N. Hughes.*

St. James' Church, Keene—D. Henshaw Ward, Samuel Dinsmoor.

Grace Church, Laconia—Thomas Appleton,* George W. Stevens, John C. Moulton.

Rev. Mr. Perry moved the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, the Journals of the early Conventions of this Diocese, embracing the period of the organization of the Church, and the annals of its progress from A. D. 1802 to 1828, inclusive, have never appeared in print, and are consequently subject to destruction by fire, or other accidents, which may happen to the original manuscript, and at the same time are inaccessible to students of our Church history—

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed by the chair, to report to this Convention with reference to the expediency of printing said Journals, by the authority and under the supervision of the Convention.

The resolution was adopted, and the chair appointed the Rev. W. S. Perry and the Rev. I. G. Hubbard, D. D., said committee.

Adjourned to 2½ o'clock this afternoon.

* Present.

$2\frac{1}{2}$ O'CLOCK P. M.

Met agreeably to adjournment, when the Bishop read his

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Beloved Brethren:

The last annual meeting of this Convention, which was held at Concord, on the 25th day of May, 1859, was an occasion of uncommon interest. The opening prospects of the Church in various directions, suggested to the quickened spirit of both clergy and laity an amount of business much more than usual. The tokens of increasing prosperity and strength in the Diocese were gratifying in a high degree. It would not be strange if that meeting should be remembered as an epoch. New and freshened hopes warmed and animated our hearts.

At 5 o'clock P. M., of the first day of the Convention, with assistance of brethren, clerical and lay, I laid the corner-stone of St. Paul's Church, in the city of Concord. It was an hour of remarkable interest and imposing solemnity. To the large assemblage of citizens, appropriate addresses were delivered by the Rev. Dr. Burroughs and the Hon. Josiah Minot. The chanting of certain portions of the service by the clergy of the Convention and the pupils of St. Paul's School, contributed much to the interest of the occasion.

June 5. Notice from Bishop Polk of the deposition from the ministry of Abel Nichols.

June 24. I gave a letter dimissory to the Diocese of Illinois, in favor of the Rev. Edward P. Wright.

The last week in this month will, to me, be ever memorable for its large contribution to memory's treasures. Early in the season, I had been requested by the Faculty of Bishop's College, an institution of religion and learning established at Lenoxville, in the Province of Canada, to deliver an address at their annual Commencement. To such a request, proceeding from brethren beloved and honored, who belong to a branch or department of the Church of our fatherland, I could not hesitate to return an answer of compliance. Accordingly, June 28, in company with the Rev. Dr. Horton, of the Diocese of Massachusetts, and the Rev. W. S. Perry, of Nashua, whom I had invited to go with me, I arrived at Lenoxville, where I was cordially received by my Right Reverend brothers, the Bishops of Quebec and Montreal, who were on the ground before me. I desire to acknowledge our obligations to the Rev. Mr. Doolittle, who provided in the most hospitable manner for our accommodation during our stay. This gentleman is a native of Vermont, has lived many years in Canada, and may justly be considered, as I was informed, the father of the Church and of the College at Lenoxville. At evening, we attended prayers in the Chapel, the Rev. Prof. Thompson reading. June 29.—In the Chapel, after Morning Prayer by some of the numerous clergymen present, the Rev. Mr. Perry, in compliance with a request extended some time previous, delivered a sermon, which was listened to with profound attention. A Deacon was then advanced to the Priesthood by the Bishop of Quebec. The elements in the holy Communion were consecrated by me. I first administered the same to the Bishops, and then, with the Bishop of Montreal, proceeded to give the Bread, first to the clergy, and then to the laity, while Presbyters gave the Cup. In the afternoon, we moved in procession to the place prepared for the exercises of Commencement. The Hon.

J. S. McCord, Vice Chancellor, presiding, first, the Degrees were conferred—D. D., *ad eundem*, being conferred on myself and Dr. Horton, and A. M., *ad eundem*, on the Rev. Mr. Perry. Then, at the call of the Vice Chancellor, I proceeded to address the assembly, and was listened to for more than half an hour with an attention grateful to my feelings, maintaining as my thesis, "That knowledge without religious training does not make the true man." Short addresses from several gentlemen followed. The performances were closed by an address from the Vice Chancellor, touching the present state and prospects of the Institution, with some flattering expressions relating to "our friends from the States." The Sunday following I spent in Montreal, where, by invitation, I enjoyed for a few days the kind hospitalities of "See House," the residence of the Right Reverend the Bishop of the Diocese. In the morning, I preached for the Bishop, in St. John's Church, and assisted in the administration of the holy Communion. A Cathedral, of great cost and beauty, which he was then building and near finishing, is to be consecrated, I think, in the latter part of the coming June. On Monday, July 4th, I made the journey homeward—learning thereby to recommend to my friends not to encounter the discomforts of travelling on the 4th day of July, when they can avoid it. So ended an excursion which I shall ever remember with grateful satisfaction.

July 31. *Sunday.* I spent this day in Charlestown, where, in the Unitarian house of worship, I read prayers once and preached twice. I had the pleasure of meeting here the Rev. Dr. Chase, President of Jubilee College, who read Evening Prayer. The congregation was said to be large for the place. Many ladies, Episcopalians from Boston and New York, were present, who, by their voices in singing and responding, contributed much to the general effect of the service. I wish to record my grateful sense of the favor shown us by the Rev. Adams Ayer, in offering his house of worship to our use during a period of absence. I take occasion to say in this connection, that I feel justified in predicting that at a day not distant, we shall have in this delightful town a flourishing Church. Such earnest and faithful Christian ladies, as are engaged in the work, do not often fail of success. I am happy to add that, under an arrangement recently entered into, the Rev. Mr. Oliver, of Bellows Falls, will hold divine service there once a month, during the coming season—the expense of the Mission to be paid partly by local subscription and partly by the Treasury of Itinerancy. There may besides be occasional services—as one by the Rev. Francis Chase, on the 29th of April last. May the Lord's blessing rest on this good work and prosper it.

August 27. *Saturday.* I left home before the dawn of day, and proceeded by stage and railroad to Concord, where I was met by the Rev. Mr. Eames, who, his own house being full, took me to Col. Davis', where as usual I enjoyed the most grateful hospitality. After an hour I drove up to see how things were going at St. Paul's School, and to pass an hour with our excellent benefactor, Dr. Shattuck, who was enjoying a short period of relaxation from professional labors. Towards evening I returned to town.

August 28. *Sunday.* In the morning I preached in the hall occupied by St. Paul's parish. The congregation was larger than I had met here since the funeral of the lamented Mr. Leaver. The builders were getting on well with the new church. I found the Rev. Mr. Eames—and may I be excused if I add the name of the noble helper by his side, Mrs. Eames—laboring with great wisdom and zeal, and proofs of success all around.

In the afternoon of the same holy day, at the chapel of St. Paul's School, after prayers by the Rev. Messrs. Coit and Chase, I delivered an address to candidates and people—and then proceeded to confirm five persons, of whom two were members of the school. To me, and I believe to all present, this was an hour of exceeding interest. The chapel was just filled with people, and all gave the most devout attention. I could not but feel the most lively gratitude to God for his mercies to us in the establishment and usefulness of this institution. The people of the surrounding district are taking much interest in the privilege of attending the services of the Church in this beautiful chapel. The school is now prepared to accommodate forty pupils. During the year, our unwearied friend, the founder of the school, has erected a gymnasium, where needful exercise may be taken in seasons of storm. The establishment seems now to want nothing, except a place for a library and for the deposit of minerals and things rare and curious. There is, however, a want of another kind, and to that I wish to call attention. The want I refer to is that of endowed scholarships, for the support of such as desire an education with a view to enter the sacred ministry. May the Lord put it into the hearts of them to whom he has given means, to look with favor on this object of Christian liberality. We greatly need their gifts. I have in mind at this moment three young men of the highest promise, whose hearts are set on the ministry. But they are without means, and what shall be done?

August 29. The Rev. F. Chase drove me in the morning to Hopkinton. In the afternoon he read prayers, and I preached to a congregation of sixty persons. Also I administered the holy communion—the number of receivers being about thirty. I could not but feel, on the whole, that this was encouraging. In the month of June this parish had an opportunity to secure the services of a clergyman. To my great regret the opportunity was allowed to pass away unimproved. I cannot think without grief of the depressed condition of a church founded and supported for many years by such men as John O. Ballard, John Harris, Benjamin Wiggin, Baruch Chase, Daniel Chase, Ebenezer Lerned, Bodwell Emerson and others like minded, now, I trust, all at rest with "the dead in Christ." I am not without some hope yet, that a good and true man will be sent along by the providence of God to take this charge. I called on several aged persons, whom, as usual, I was happy to find waiting in faith and patience for the last message of their Lord.

August 31. At Manchester. In the evening after prayers read by the Rev. Dr. Hubbard, I preached and confirmed four persons. The congregation was very large. I made a second visitation to this church on Thursday, the 12th of April last, to which I may as well refer here. At this time I preached and confirmed seven persons. I found the people entering resolutely into the design of building a new church. All things considered—the original cheapness of the old structure, its unchurchly style, its demand for extensive repairs, and the growing need of larger accommodations, together with the beautiful plan and moderate estimates submitted by Mr. Upjohn and favorably responded to by builders—I could not hesitate to give the undertaking my hearty approval and prayers. The Rev. Dr. Hubbard is now efficiently engaged in raising the means. I desire to recommend the work to the favor and bounty of churchmen.

September 1. *Thursday.* At Nashua Mr. Perry took me to the kind and gen-

erous hospitality of W. L. Carter, Esq., to whose delightful family I feel much indebted. At evening, in the court room, the usual place of worship, after prayers by the Rev. Dr. Edson of Massachusetts, and the Rev. Mr. Perry, rector, I preached and confirmed four persons. This evening's service was rendered more interesting by the presence and aid of our veteran brother from Massachusetts, to whom this diocese owes a large debt of gratitude for sympathy, pecuniary bounty and personal service, rendered in many successive years—and more impressive, by the presence of his choir, who, in quartette, performed the musical portions of the service, or rather led them, in the most perfect style. It is but just to say, that in very few churches, new or old, is the music ordinarily more correct and appropriate than here.

September 2. At the rooms of Mr. Perry I had the pleasure of meeting and conversing with a number of the parishioners about the condition and prospects of that interesting field. Evident it is, that the ministry of the rector is directed with wisdom and effect. I made a second visit here on the 11th of April last, preached and confirmed seven persons. Nothing seems wanting here but the continued blessing of God and a good church edifice. I was glad to learn, that an effort is now making to obtain means for the purchase of an eligible lot—with a view to erect a plain building, which will answer for a school room, when the parish shall feel able to build a church proper. I had the pleasure of being introduced here to a gentleman who intends, and is preparing, to enter the sacred ministry. I desire to acknowledge the kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Hills.

September 3. By way of Concord I reached Portsmouth, where I found the Rev. Mr. Hitchcock awaiting my arrival at the station.

September 4. *Sunday.* Morning prayer was read in St. John's church by the Rev. Mr. Hitchcock, rector—the ante-communion, except the epistle, by myself. I then delivered a sermon suited to the season of communion—and afterwards took the leading part in that holy office. In the afternoon I preached again, and afterward confirmed fifteen persons, to whom I delivered an address. The congregation being dismissed, the children of the Sunday school were called to the chancel and catechised by the rector, acquitting themselves to the best advantage. The whole school numbered then 150. After the catechising I addressed the children and the 50 or 60 people that remained—there being the most perfect order and close attention throughout.

It gives me pleasure to bear witness to the "faithful diligence" and wise proportioning with which the various departments of pastoral care and labor are sustained in St. John's church. The presence of so many parents and others at the catechising was an evidence of general interest in the Sunday school. While here I passed a pleasant hour with the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Burroughs—so reminding myself gratefully of many past occasions of refreshing hospitality.

From Portsmouth I returned home—the visitation of the churches at Dover and Holderness having, in compliance with request, been postponed to another season.

September 9. Notice from the Bishop of Kentucky of the deposition from the ministry of Louis Jansen.

September 12. *Monday.* An important matter that might have been. About 8 o'clock in the evening of the previous Saturday, I received from the Rev. C. A. Downs, a Congregational minister of respectability and worth in Lebanon,

a letter, in which he informed me that a Mr. Robert Mulvah was sick nigh unto death—that he had property, a portion of which he desired to give for some purpose of benevolence or charity to the Episcopal church, of which he was a member—and that he desired me to come to Lebanon, immediately if possible, to advise and assist him in making his will and testament for that purpose. Of course I could not go on Saturday night or Sunday. On Monday morning I took the stage and arrived there, 20 miles, before noon, to find that the providence of God had intercepted the purpose of my journey. The man had died on Sunday morning. The kind hearted gentleman, already named, had taken much interest in the case, and done all he could for the comfort of the sufferer. He tried to persuade him, in his extremity, to bequeath to me as Bishop of the Diocese what he intended for the Church, and leave me to apply it at my discretion. But that would not do. He must see the Bishop, or would do nothing. And he did nothing. So it pleased God that the desires of the dying man should not be fulfilled. Mr. Mulvah has, I suppose, left property to the value of between three and four thousand dollars, which, as he is not known to have heirs in this country at least, may escheat to the State.

September 21. At request of Frederic S. Fisher, a communicant of St. Thomas' church, Hanover, I gave my consent to his applying to be admitted a candidate for holy orders in the Diocese of New York.

September 26. *Monday.* I commenced a journey to attend the General Convention at Richmond. Passing rapidly through New York—stopping three days with my learned and excellent friend, the Rev. Dr. Dod, now, to the joy of many hearts, a happy and laborious minister of the Church—I arrived in Baltimore on the 29th, where I stayed five days. On Sunday, October 2d, I preached after morning prayer in Christ Church, and administered the holy communion, the rectorship being then vacant. In the afternoon, by request of the Rev. Dr. Wyatt, I preached in St. Paul's church. A little before the dawn of October 5th, I arrived in the city of Richmond, and at once, according to previous arrangement, sought out the house of Ambrose Carlton, Esq., in whose lovely family I remained, a most happy and grateful guest, during the Convention. If my brethren of this diocese were, in their allotments, equally blessed with myself, there is a debt of gratitude which can never be fully discharged. During the session of the Convention, viz., on October 13th, I assisted in the consecration of the Rev. Wm. H. Odenheimer, D. D., to the Episcopate of New Jersey.

Of the proceedings of the Convention I need not here speak, as they are in the press and will soon be published.

I received notice from Bishop Delancy of the deposition from the ministry of Samuel L. Southard.

October 26. I reached home laden in memory with a vast amount and variety of pleasant things—thankful for preserving mercies, and glad to see again the field of my accustomed labors and cares.

November 9. Evening. I visited St. James' Church, Keene, preached and confirmed five persons. This new parish is doing remarkably well under the wise and faithful administration of the Rev. Mr. Renouf. The hall in which divine service is held has been much improved since my last visit. I propose to make another visit here in the month of June.

November 20. *Sunday.* I visited St. Thomas' Church, Hanover, preached twice, administered the holy communion in church; also in private to the Rev.

Charles S. Putnam, an estimable clergyman of our church in an advanced stage of consumption. I have never seen clearer evidence of the sustaining power of faith and hope. The patient christian was expecting daily to receive the last message of his Lord. And it soon came, when he joyfully yielded up the trust of life and grace. The Rev. Dr. Bourns was present at the private communion. He also read prayers, and assisted in the public communion. In the forenoon the congregation was fair, in the afternoon it was large. The time seems to be near when something should be done, either to build a new church, or else to move and remodel the present building. I wait with interest for the issue of a pending correspondence. I have now in deposit about $500 which is applicable in that direction.

December 13. A memorable day in the history of this diocese. On it I, with the assistance of brethren, consecrated to God the new St. Paul's Church in the city of Concord. The day was fine, and the arrangements made by the Rev. Mr. Eames and his lay assistants in all respects excellent. The consecration service proper was of course performed by myself; the deed of donation was read by the Rev. Mr. Eames—the sentence of consecration by the Rev. Mr. Salter—morning prayer by the Rev. Messrs. Hubbard, Coit, Randall, Renouf, and others. The sermon was delivered by my Right Reverend brother, the Bishop of Rhode Island. This was a discourse of exceeding ability and interest, and held the attention of the great congregation for more than an hour. In the administration of the holy communion I was assisted by Bishop Clark, and by the Rev. Messrs. Edson and Salter. I congratulate the friends of the Church on the completion of this noble and beautiful structure. May our Lord bless the warm hearts and liberal hands of this faithful people. I know not any instance in which a people has more freely and plentifully made an offering of its means. It is an interesting fact, that though the cost of this church is large, there is no incumbrance, and the debts, if not already discharged, will soon be so. At this time there was held a convocation of the clergy, when, after the submitting of views by the brethren, it was resolved to establish certain points or districts for exploration and service by the clergy of the diocese—they to be paid their expenses from the Treasury of Itinerancy—the Rev. Mr. Renouf to give attention to the village of Ashuelot; the Rev. Mr Perry to direct attention to Milford and parts adjacent; the Rev. Dr. Hubbard, to Exeter; the Rev. Messrs. Eames and Peirce, to the villages along the western shores of Winnepiseogee Lake. This was a pleasant meeting of convocation. In the evening of the day of the consecration we were favored with a sermon from the Rev. Dr. Randall of Boston.

December 14. *Wednesday.* I took an opportunity to drive out to St. Paul's School, where I found 43 young men and boys in the full business of well directed study.

December 15. I proceeded in company with the Rev. Mr. Peirce and his amiable wife to Holderness. Here after evening prayer read by himself, I preached and confirmed five persons; these constituting from the character of the persons, a very important accession to the communion list. Mr. P. is a most faithful minister, and is doing a good and great work among these people; for God's blessing rests upon his laborious efforts. I cannot be thankful enough for having such an illustration of the Church's character in that quarter. The new church, a gem in its beautiful appropriateness of style, designed gratuitously by that artist of fine conceptions, Mr. Harte of New York, was then nearly completed—and in a

few weeks was quite so. The consecration is delayed on account of a debt of a few hundred dollars, for discharging which Mr. Peirce is now making efforts to obtain the means. May they who have the means freely impart. I missed at this visit that aged and excellent friend of the Church, Mr. Daniel Worthen—a man, to whose true integrity and faithful diligence the church in Holderness owes whatever of funds it possesses. Infirmity forbade his being with us. I sincerely honor that man. May the burden of years be light upon him.

December 15. Notice from Bishop Eastburn of the deposition of A. D. Spalter; and from Bishop De Lancey, of the deposition of Thomas D. Sleeper.

January 25, 1860. *St. Paul's Day.* With a number of friends from Boston and elsewhere, I had the pleasure of spending this day, being the anniversary of the consecration of the chapel, at St. Paul's School. Of clergymen there were present the Rev. Drs. Edson, Wells and Bolles, and Rev. Mr. Leeds, from Massachusetts; and the Rev. Messrs. Eames, Coit, Peirce and Chase, of this diocese. In the morning Dr. Bolles preached, and I administered the holy communion. In the evening, after prayers, Dr. Wells addressed the boys of the school. This was to us all a day of most delightful service and interchange.

Arrangements having been made for the supply of my church in Claremont, I spent the two following weeks in Boston with my honored friend, Dr. Shattuck, and that model of a christian family, which daily kneels with him at the domestic altar.

January 29. *Sunday.* I preached in the afternoon at St. Mark's Church, and in the evening at the Advent.

February 5. I preached morning and evening at the Advent. It is a pleasure to preach to a congregation so attentive.

March 11. *Sunday.* In fulfilment of an arrangement entered into while I was in Boston, and with some reference to a request from the trustees, that the New England Bishops would act as visitors of Trinity College, I passed this day at that institution. The object of the procedure on the part of the trustees is understood to be to extend the usefulness and increase the efficiency of the institution as a Church college. I preached morning and evening, the President reading prayers. On these occasions were present the students, college officers with their families, one or two trustees, and some other persons. I am much indebted to Pref. Eliot and his delightful family for their kind consideration and hospitality. I called twice on the venerable Bishop Brownell, who, at the age of fourscore years, is still the same man as ever in soundness of mind and wisdom of counsel, with much general vigor of body. May serenity and peace, so eminently the product of a most holy and useful life, continue to bless his days' decline.

April 29. *Sunday.* I visited Trinity Church, Cornish, read prayers once and preached twice, the Rev. Mr. Douglas, of Windsor, Vt., kindly aiding me by reading the Evening Prayer. I feel specially indebted to the choir of the church in Windsor for their obliging assistance in the music. There were also present numbers of the friends of the Church from that side, who by their animated responses contributed much to the interest of the visitation. In the morning congregation there might be 40 persons, in the afternoon 80.

At 5 o'clock, P. M., of the same day, I preached to the people of Grace Church, Plainfield, divine service being conducted by the Rev. Mr. Douglas, without whose most obliging assistance I should have found great difficulty in

meeting my appointments. This church, like the last mentioned, is still destitute, though there does now seem to be a prospect of a partial supply by an arrangement with Mr. Douglas. The truth is, there are few people in either parish. There is but a sparse population.

May 6. *Sunday.* I held a confirmation in Trinity Church, Claremont, of which I am rector, when fifteen persons received "the laying on of hands." To these add two confirmed in chamber in case of sickness a few days before, and seventeen is the number confirmed here within the year.

May 9. I gave a letter dimissory to the Diocese of Maine in favor of the Rev. Nicholas F. Ludlum.

May 13. *Sunday.* I visited St. Peter's Church, Drewsville, read prayers and preached twice, and administered the communion. This church has had, I think, but one Sunday of service the last year; that, in November, by the Rev. Dr. Staunton, of New York. The large and commodious house heretofore offered free of rent to any suitable clergyman who might be disposed to take charge of the church and at the same time keep a boarding school, has been purchased by one of the vestry, and is still offered for the same purpose. This offer I really regard as a very attractive one, and wonder much it has not been taken. The church can pay $250, perhaps more. I have thought that this place and Charlestown, under an arrangement for alternate services, might give to a clergyman a good support.

May 20. I visited Union Church, Claremont, preached and confirmed one person, evening prayer being read by the Rev. Mr. Smith, the rector. The congregation consisted of seventy persons. I take pleasure in noting that this church, the oldest perhaps in the diocese, has during the year been put in a state of complete repair, both inside and outside.

May 27. *Whit Sunday.* I passed this holy day of the Church in Concord, and to me it was a day of uncommon interest. In the morning at St. Paul's Church, before the administration of the holy communion, I delivered an address on "the responsibilities of influence," after which with the assistance of the Rev. Mr. Eames, I had the pleasure of administering the communion to such a multitude as I had never before seen approach the altar of God in that place. It was an hour, in that beautiful church, of deep and affecting solemnity. In the afternoon I drove out to St. Paul's School, in the chapel of which, after prayers by the Rev. Messrs. Coit and Chase, and an address by myself, I confirmed four members of the school. I should have mentioned that before this public service we held a general catechising of the school, in which, as before, these young persons acquitted themselves creditably. It is delightful to witness the high standard of moral and religious principle which pervades this institution. In the evening, at St. Paul's Church, after prayers by the Rev. Messrs. Eames, Coit and Chase, and an address by myself, I administered the rite of confirmation to nineteen persons. I scarcely know how to speak of the services of this evening in terms of moderation. The Lord be praised for what my eyes beheld and my ears heard in that sacred place. What an advance, in all respects I truly believe, in the short space of two years! May the glorious work go on till there shall not be room for the worshippers! The music here, how beautifully suited to awaken and express devotion!

May 29. Evening. I held a visitation of St. Thomas' Church, Dover, and confirmed six persons.

Such is my account, wearisomely particular I fear, of the labors and events of the past year. The whole number confirmed is ninety-nine. Two corner stones for churches have been laid, and one church has been consecrated. Another is ready for consecration, and still another is in building. We have reason to be thankful that many of our parishes, perhaps a fair proportion, are in a healthy and progressive condition. It may seem that we have been long in laying a foundation for growth. Well, brethren, let us glorify God for his mercy in that he has never forsaken us. If a foundation has been laid, let us proceed resolutely to build thereon. It is not simply religion as a general thing, that we are interested in maintaining. Our vows bind us to maintain it as received and held by the Church, not as two or three eminent christians understand the word of God, but as the Church understands it.

And here I take pleasure in adverting to a fact of which I am well assured. It is this, that in all our parishes, without the shadow of an exception, the constitution, canons, rubrics and immemorial usages of the Church, are considered by both clergy and laity as being "a law which shall not be broken," and are regarded with a profound respect, a confidence in authority, and a conviction of their working, under the grace of God, for the best good of the souls of men, which can never trifle with deviation or hesitate to obey. Our people are not given to experiments of change in matters which faith and wisely ordered use have long made settled. Religion is a thing determined and fixed. If it were not so, if it were a department of knowledge, in which, as in the natural sciences, discoveries are yet to be made, many questions might be considered still open to the wisdom and taste of men, which are now believed to be settled by the grace of God. Our people do not believe, that to cast off or loosen the Church's ceremonies and ways of action is a good method for converting sinners or perfecting saints.

Is it true that "the great obstacle to the prosperity and growth of the Church is its ceremonials?" No indeed! The whole Protestant mind, almost, is now acknowledging the advantages of fixed ceremonials and forms. When such is the case, when the christian community is passing under a conviction, that forms of prayer for social worship are infinitely preferable to extemporaneous monologues the best possible, shall we throw every thing afloat? Shall we become Protestants against our own Church, when so many are longing to know and love it? Shall we go to congregations of sinful men, in the vallies and on the hill-sides, and call upon them to decide by a hand vote with what particular ceremonies and forms God's holy worship shall be there conducted? In the preaching of the gospel and the worship of God there do exist, we believe, universal principles of edification and practical fitness. Among the friends of religion the impression is gaining strength daily, that these principles are best understood and best provided for in our Church. What if there are some who will not have Christ to reign over them unless they can be permitted to introduce him to a throne in their hearts by a way of their own? We do not expect that all men will believe the gospel and be saved, for such a belief is not authorized by the word of God. Our skirts will be clear, if, with the Spirit in our hearts and the Bible in our hands, we go forth with quickened feet and deliver and expound and illustrate by our example the message of salvation, as it has been understood in the general Church of Christ from the beginning. If by this course, pursued with earnestness and love, we cannot convert sinners from the error of their ways, we need not feel guilty of a wrong for not taking another method.

The religion of Christ must have a mode of social manifestation; otherwise, it is mere individualism. From the beginning God himself instituted ceremonies and forms, because they both express and preserve spirit. Many have an idea that form kills spirit; which is not often true. This at least is true, that a frequent *changing* of form kills spirit by employing the inventive faculty rather than the devout affections. The spirit lives longer by the form; and when we find the form surviving the spirit, we may know that the spirit would have sooner died without the form. There is a great mistake in many minds on this subject. Who does not know that fitness, and stability, and precision of form in language best preserve the precious truth which it covers? Somehow it is, that in religion the natural vagrancy of the human mind loves to keep some things indefinite, while self-esteem is ever trying to secure a wide scope for self-importance, and to multiply avenues to notoriety and influence. May we be content to be "ordained unto eternal life" through the ways and institutions of the Church as it is.

As respects our missionary operations, I trust we shall prosecute them with energy and perseverance. Several fields of great promise are now open to us, and the people are actually calling to us to "come over and help." In the village of Ashuelot, fifteen miles from Keene, the Rev. Mr. Renouf has discovered a remarkable readiness of mind. The people stand prepared at once to build a church, and are willing to pay $300 a year, to which we can add $100 from missionary resources, for the support of a minister. The Rev. Mr. Renouf, the Rev. Mr. Eames, and I think some others have held divine service and preached there. Thus far the expense of the mission has been very light, not over $60 paid by the Itinerancy fund.

As respects Charlestown I need not add to what I have already said in this address. I will only remark that having spent an hour in that delightful village since I began this writing, I am confirmed in my best hopes.

I have been deeply interested in an account transmitted to me by the Rev. Mr. Eames, who has found time amidst thronging cares at home to listen to a loud voice from Laconia and Sanbornton Bridge. The state of things in both places is most remarkable. Between the two a clergyman can be amply supported at once. And in no long time I am quite sure one will be supported in each. The thing now is to obtain "a wise and faithful steward."

But, brethren, we shall need money for our enterprises. In the Treasury of Itinerancy there remains, I think, about $150. The amount of Easter collections I do not know. Our mission at Nashua is necessarily an expensive one. The work could not possibly go on without liberal aid. In three years our appropriations to it have amounted to the sum of $874.50. I desire to mention that our means could not have sustained this draft, but for the generous contributions of "a brother beloved in the Lord." The mission now receives $150 from the General Board, while we engage to pay $200. It is to be remembered that we are there working for growth, for increase, and not merely for retention of life. Keene can scarcely be called a mission. The noble christian generosity of our reverend brother, which I more admire and honor than praise in terms, has assumed, with the aid of free hearts and hands around him already warmed to life and activity by his zeal, the expense of cultivating that promising field. May the Lord reward him with such an ingathering that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

For the first seven years of the mission at Hanover, the Diocese paid $100 a

year. This has been reduced in consequence of rents received from church land in the town. From the beginning of last December the Diocese will pay but $30 per annum.

As respects the resources of the Diocese derived from its lands, I presume the Convention will be glad to hear some account. When I was in Boston early in February last the treasurer of the Trustees of Donations looked at his books and informed me that I might draw for the Diocese the sum of $476.79. But in a note dated March 9, he gives only $430 as subject to my draft. Of this I have drawn for the Bishop's salary, as by vote of the Convention, $200, for the church in Manchester $100, for the church in Holderness $50, for the church in Nashua $62.50, amounting to $412.50. The difference in the sums given by the treasurer I am not able to explain. If there is any error, it will be corrected in due time. I think it would be safe to say, we may generally expect $450 from that source. Then, there is the agency of the same corporation in Claremont, P. C. Freeman, Esq., being agent. The gross amount of rents annually accruing from the property in his charge is $443.90, from which deduct $89 annually paid under a claim of Union Church, Claremont, and we have $354.90, out of which must be paid expenses of collection, which are very great on account of the number (some 50 or 60) and scattered location of the tenants. By the covenant in the leases unfortunately, the rents must be demanded on the premises—which occasions much trouble. There is now a large amount of arrears. In many cases the rents are $3 or less. My drafts on this agency, under direction of the trustees in Massachusetts, for the last four years have amounted to $981, being $245 to each year. And I think there is now about $200 unappropriated. The sums mentioned have been apportioned among the churches as they appeared to need. Judging from the past, we cannot expect much above $550 from all these lands, after deduction of $200 for the Bishop's salary. Of this sum $125 will belong to St. Peter's Church, Drewsville, whenever it shall have a clergyman. In order to do our missionary work reasonably well, we shall need this year $500 beyond the resources here referred to.

With a few words on another subject I shall close this address.

Through the mercy of God, I am now in the sixteenth year of my Episcopate; and I have not yet addressed the clergy in Charges or the laity in Pastoral Letters. Within the last year two, at least, of my beloved and honored brethren of the clergy, have kindly expressed a wish that I would prepare and publish something of the kind. The manner in which the subject was mentioned, could not but be agreeable to me. Nevertheless, I have not been able to see, that there is not weight in the considerations, which have influenced my mind. There have been these two: First, want of time, amidst the onerous duties of a large and growing parish, and of a Diocese, which, though small, makes for me a great and exhausting amount of care and labor, for that concentration and study, without which I should not be willing to meet the responsibility of so grave a proceeding. And secondly, I have not been able to see, that there was such a want or deficiency in any of the departments of knowledge and instruction as would justify me in drawing on the means and demanding the attention of the Church. New publications of the kind referred to do not appear to me to be needed for the maintenance of the just influence of the old and accredited guides of the people of God. While the grace and wisdom of the past give us so true, pure and holy a light, it hardly seems right to demand attention to mere novelty of form.

However it may be in the world of science, I am satisfied, that in the religious world, no sort of mind is more needed, than that which can faithfully, yet discriminatively, edit the insights and thoughts of the past. In books that are written now just to change the form of old teachings, there is often generated a mist, which is more to be regretted for its darkening and blinding properties, than valued for its condensing into the gentle showers which usefully irrigate the fields of knowledge.

Still, I trust I am not without respect for the canon "of Episcopal Charges and Pastoral Letters." I seem to myself to have been "prevented by reasonable cause." If my life should be spared, and more pressing duties permit, I may conclude to waive the second consideration, out of respect at least to the wishes of brethren beloved, and prepare something for your printer.

CARLTON CHASE.

Rev. Mr. Hubbard called up his amendment to the 5th article of the constitution, proposed at the last convention, (see journal of 1859, page 20,) and moved its adoption.

The question being taken the amendment was adopted.

Rev. Mr. Renouf asked leave of absence for the remainder of the session, and on motion leave was granted.

Rev. Mr. Perry submitted the following

REPORT:

The committee, to whom was committed the question of the expediency of printing the early journals of the diocese of New Hampshire from A. D. 1802—1828 inclusive, respectfully report—

That, in view of the interest attaching itself to these memorials of the past, the committee can but urge upon the Convention the duty of placing these records permanently before the Church: That in their opinion this desirable end can readily be attained, and the documents of our conventional history made generally accessible, by the action of the clergy and lay delegates of this Convention, in pledging themselves or their parishes, towards securing the amount requisite for their publication: That a committee be appointed with full powers to undertake this work, immediately upon the pledging of the sum required, and that they be authorized to prefix to said republication such brief historical notes of the early annals of the New Hampshire Church as may be deemed necessary to give a connected view of Church progress in this diocese.

The committee therefore present the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed by the chair, in accordance with the recommendations of their report, to undertake this work, and receive pecuniary pledges towards meeting the expense of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. STEVENS PERRY, } *Committee.*
I. G. HUBBARD, }

The report was adopted and the President appointed the Rev. Messrs. Perry and Hubbard as said committee.

Rev. Mr. Hitchcock, from the committee on Nominations, made the following

REPORT:

Standing Committee—Rev. J. H. Eames, Rev. T. G. Salter, Rev. H. A. Coit, Wm. L. Foster, J. D. Watson, A. R. Hatch, Esqrs.

Treasurer of the Convention and of the Bishop's Fund—Justus D. Watson, Esq.

Preacher of the Missionary Sermon—Rev. Henry L. Smith; substitute, Rev. Francis Chase.

Preacher of the Convention Sermon—Rev. Thomas G. Salter; substitute, Rev. Joshua R. Peirce.

The committee also recommend that no nominations be made for deputies and provisional deputies to the General Convention, until the Convention next preceding the meeting of the General Convention.

Also that the next Convention of this diocese be held in St. Paul's Church, Concord.

WM. A. HITCHCOCK, for the Committee.

The foregoing report having been read, the Convention proceeded to ballot, and elected the several gentlemen therein named to the positions assigned them by the committee; also adopted their recommendation, and passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Hampshire be held in St. Paul's Church, Concord, on the last Wednesday of May, 1861, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The parochial reports were presented and ordered to be printed in the journal.

On motion the chair appointed the Rev. Henry A. Coit and Horace A. Brown, a committee to collect and publish with the journal of this year, the constitution and canons now in force in this diocese.

Rev. Mr. Perry offered the following:

WHEREAS, by special legislation of the preceding Convention, the re-printing of the journals of the General Convention has been urged upon the Church, and whereas, by authority of the General Convention this work is now undertaken and in process of execution:

Resolved, That this Convention recommend this publication to the earnest support of the clergy and laity of this diocese.

The Rev. Mr. Chase presented the following

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Committee on Finance having examined the Treasurer's Report find it correct and properly vouched. They find that the expenses of the current Conven-

tion will be about $95.00. To meet these demands, beside the balance, $4.89 now in the treasury, they recommend the assessment of the following sums on the several parishes, viz.:

St. John's Church, Portsmouth,	$25.00
Union Church, Claremont,	13.00
Trinity Church, Claremont,	12.00
St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	8.00
St. Paul's Church, Concord,	10.00
Trinity Church, Cornish,	4.00
St. Peter's Church, Drewsville,	1.50
Grace Church, Plainfield,	1.50
St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	1.50
St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	1.50
St. Michael's Church, Manchester,	9.00
St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	1.50
St. Luke's Church, Nashua,	1.50
St. James' Church, Keene,	1.50
	$91.50

The treasurer's account of the Bishop's Fund has also been examined and found correct, by which it appears that there is now in the treasurer's hands the sum of $8.31.

There is still due from St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	$1.00
" Trinity Church, Cornish,	10.00

The committee would further recommend that the following sums be assessed on the several parishes toward the salary of the Bishop for the year ensuing viz.:

St. John's Church, Portsmouth, (including tythes)	$93.75
Union Church, Claremont, (including tythes)	51.25
Trinity Church, Claremont,	26.25
St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	20.00
St. Paul's Church, Concord,	22.50
Trinity Church, Cornish,	10.00
St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	1.00
St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	1.00
St. Michael's Church, Manchester,	21.25
St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	1.00
St. Luke's Church, Nashua,	1.00
St. James' Church, Keene,	1.00
	$250.00

The above sums to be paid into the treasury previous to January 1, 1861.

FRANCIS CHASE, Chairman, for the Committee.

Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, May 31.

Met agreeably to adjournment. The roll having been called, the Secretary read the

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

CONCORD, May 26, 1859.

At the Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Hampshire held this day, the Rev. J. H. Eames, the Rev. Henry A. Coit and the Rev. Wm. A. Hitchcock, and Messrs. J. D. Watson, Wm. L. Foster and O. A. Clough, were elected members of the Standing Committee for the year ensuing.

Attest: WM. L. FOSTER, Secretary.

CONCORD, May 26, 1859.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee held this day in the City Hall in this city, the Rev. James H. Eames, was elected President, and Wm. L. Foster, Secretary.

Attest: WM. L. FOSTER, Secretary.

Proceeded to elect a Secretary for the ensuing year, and made choice of HORACE A. BROWN, of Concord.

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to publish 800 copies of the Journal, unless a separate edition of the Constitution and Canons be printed; in which case he be authorized to print a number not less than 600, at his discretion.

Rev. William Stevens Perry, agreeably to Canon XIX, presented the following

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR:

The Registrar of the Diocese of New Hampshire respectfully reports,

That, agreeably to the requirements of the Canon defining his duties, he has collected together, classified and catalogued a large number of Journals of Conventions and other Church pamphlets and papers;

That he has, by exchanges, obtained several rare and important Journals, thereby rendering collections of the Diocese more complete and valuable;

That the archives at present contain the Journals of the Diocese of New Hampshire very nearly complete, while those of several other dioceses want but a very few numbers to render them perfect;

That no expense has accrued to the Convention in the collection of these pamphlets; and

That the following clergymen and others have freely contributed to the conventional stores, viz.:

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of New Hampshire; the Rev. Henry S. Smith, of Claremont; the Rev. Edward Ballard, of Brunswick, Me.; The Rev. Moses B. Chase, of Cambridge, Mass.; The Rev. Wm. S. Perry, of Nashua; F. P. Nichols, Esq., of Fillmore, Andrew Co., Mo., and Mrs. Jane A. Eames, of Concord, N. H.

To Mrs. Eames the Convention is indebted for the gift of nineteen Journals of the Convention of this Diocese.

The Registrar can but add to his report the expression of his earnest trust that a general effort may be made by his brethren of the clergy and laity to collect, ere it be too late, the rapidly disappearing data of our diocesan and general ecclesiastical history.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. STEVENS PERRY, Registrar.

After the transaction of some business as Board of Missions, the Convention, after prayers by the President, adjourned *sine die*.

Attest: HORACE A. BROWN, Secretary.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Morning service of the Church shall be performed every day during the session of the Convention.

2. When the President takes the chair, he shall call the Convention to order, and every member shall remain in his seat, unless he rise to address the chair.

3. The President shall speak to points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convention by any member.

4. When the Convention is equally divided, the President shall decide the question by his vote; and when his vote, if given to the minority, shall make an equal division, it shall also be his duty to vote, and in such case the question shall be lost.

5. When a member is about to speak upon any question, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat and address himself to the President.

6. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

7. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention without leave, if he be able to attend.

8. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without leave of the Convention, nor more than once until every member wishing to speak shall have spoken.

9. Every member who shall be in the Convention when a question is put, shall give his vote, unless excused for special reasons before a division.

10. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President before being debated, and shall be reduced to writing, if so required by the President.

11. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone to a certain time, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely—which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged.

12. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order; that, and the motion to lay on the table, shall always be decided without debate.

13. When a motion has been decided in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member in the majority to move for a reconsideration thereof on the same day.

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

TRINITY CHURCH, CLAREMONT.

RT. REV. CARLTON CHASE, D. D., RECTOR.

Baptisms, 17, of which 10 adults; Confirmed, 17; Communicants, 153; Marriage, 1; Funerals, 8. Connected with the Sunday School, we number about 50 children and young persons. Contributions: Easter collection for Diocesan Missions, $15, (the weather was extremely unfavorable and the congregation small—more may be expected in the course of the year;) for a Church in Nebraska, $17; for Foreign Missions, $16; for General Domestic Missions, $25.60; for Church building in Holderness, $20; Bishop's salary, $26.50.

It would be just, I am sure, to represent this Church as in a very prosperous condition. The pews are all taken up, and more could be disposed of, if we had them. If the Rector could have proper assistance, nothing could prevent a large accession to the Church in this beautiful and growing town. For the population, there are fewer persons of minds bitterly prejudiced towards the Church, than in any place I ever knew. Our sexton's duty in seating strangers at public worship, we are most happy to say, is no sinecure. Great numbers are always present. There are some outstanding debts, which are likely soon to be paid. The Rector thinks it proper to state that he no where hears the responses more promptly, distinctly and firmly made than here.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, HANOVER.

REV. EDWARD BOURNS, LL. D., MISSIONARY.

No material change has taken place in the condition of this Church or congregation since my last report was presented. Our services have been regularly maintained, and the sacrament of the holy Communion administered every second month, in connection with St. Andrew's, Norwich, Vermont. The free bridge, which now connects these two towns, tends to bring the places much more nearly together, and to increase the attendance at both Churches. The attendance has been rather more numerous than formerly, for this and some other causes. I have still to regret the indisposition of persons to come forward and openly join themselves to our communion in confirmation; but we are in some measure consoled by knowing that many are here first taught to love and respect the Church, who afterwards, in other places, become prominent and useful members

of other congregations. Of this we have had renewed proof during the past year.

Our Bishop visited us in November last, and was, as usual, listened to with deep, respectful attention, morning and afternoon, by large congregations.

In September last, a most excellent brother, the Rev. C. S. Putnam, from Brooklyn, N. Y., came here in the last stage of consumption. He remained with the house of his brother until January, when he died. During his whole illness, he had all the relief and comfort that the most devoted love could give him, from his brother's family and his own, and himself exhibited throughout the most cheerful fortitude and patient resignation, witnessing continually to the purity of his faith and strength of his hope in Christ Jesus. Our Bishop saw him, and administered the holy Communion to him, at his visitation to us.

We still live in the hope that we may be able to repair or rebuild our small church edifice, but have done nothing yet practically towards that object, beyond the collection of a sum of money.

I feel bound again publicly to acknowledge my obligations to our kind, regular, efficient choir.

We have lately formed a small Bible class, and from the punctuality and attention shown up to this time by the members, I trust it may be the instrument of much good.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CONCORD.

REV. J. H. EAMES, RECTOR.

Baptisms: adults, 9; infants, 19—28. Confirmations, 19. Marriages, 2. Burials, 3. Communicants, 124. Sunday School Scholars, 75; Teachers, 12. Domestic Missions, $30; Diocesan Missions, $30.57; Sunday School, $30; Poor, and other Parish expenditures, $131.86; Church building at Holderness, $25. Total, $247.43.

Besides attending to the regular duties of the parish, the Rector has acted as Chaplain at the State Asylum for the Insane, officiating once each Sunday; and has held services and preached at Canterbury, Laconia, Littleton, Whitefield and Ashuelot. These last duties he has been able to perform by the kind assistance of Rev. Messrs. Coit and Chase, of St. Paul's School, who officiated for him in his absence.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH.

REV. WILLIAM A. HITCHCOCK, RECTOR.

Baptisms: adults, 12; infants, 36; total, 48. Confirmations, 15. Communicants: added, 20; removed, 5; died, 2; present number, 138. Marriages, 11. Burials, 24. Sunday School Teachers, 25. Sunday School Scholars, 160. Sunday School Library: No. of volumes, 300. Parish Library: No. of volumes, 671. Contributions: Bishop's salary, $93.75; Convention expenses, $18; Diocesan Missions, $68.49; Domestic Missions, $29.36; Foreign Missions, $30.40; Christmas collection for poor, $47; Communion alms, $82.05; Ladies' Missionary Society, $170.50; Sunday School collection, $20; Rev. Mr. Robinson, for seamen, $20.37; other Church objects, $15; total, $594. 92.

William Rand, James P. Bartlett, Wardens; Joshua W. Peirce, Treasurer; John W. Fernald, Clerk.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MANCHESTER.

REV. I. G. HUBBARD, D. D., RECTOR.

Baptisms: infants, 15; adults, 1—16. Confirmed, 11. Communicants: added, 25; removed, 7; present number, 120. Marriages, 4. Burials, 10. Offerings at communion, $105.67; other contributions, $144.19; total, $249.86. Of this sum, there has been contributed to Foreign Missions, $16; to Domestic Missions, $30; to Nashotah, $10; to Bishop's salary, $21.25; to Sunday School library, $16; and the remainder to the poor, to parish expenses, and towards the new church.

This parish is devoting all its means and energies towards the erection of a stone church on the old lot. The work is progressing very favorably, and it is hoped will be completed in November. The condition and prospects of the parish are very encouraging.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, HOLDERNESS.

REV. JOSHUA R. PEIRCE, RECTOR.

Arthur L. Smyth, Thomas N. Hughes, Wardens; Jonathan F. Keyes, Clerk.

Baptisms: infant, 2; adult, 2; total, 4. Confirmations, 4. Communicants: added, 5; removed, 2; lost by death, 1; present number, 36. Burials, 1. Sunday scholars, 25. Communion alms, $22; Missions, $10; other contributions, $17; assessment for Bishop's salary and Convention purposes, $2; making a total of $73.

During the past year, the Rector was absent all the months of June and July, also three weeks in the month of April, soliciting funds to aid in the erection of the new church, during all which time the congregation were without services, which did not tend to promote the prosperity or growth of the parish.

The principal event during the year, was the laying of the corner-stone of the new church, which took place on the 10th of August. The Bishop not being able to be present, the Rev. Dr. Burroughs officiated upon that occasion, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Eames, Renouf, Chase and Peirce, of this Diocese, and the Rev. Mr. Robinson, of Boston. Evening Prayer having been said at the old place of worship, a procession was formed, numbering about 500 persons, which having marched to the site of the new church, the corner-stone was laid with the accustomed services, performed by Dr. Burroughs and Rev. Mr. Robinson, after which addresses were made by Dr. Burroughs, and Messrs. Eames and Renouf.

It is with no small pleasure that the Rector is able to record the completion of the house, then begun under such solemn and favorable circumstances—now awaiting the services of the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese to consecrate it to the service of Almighty God. The churchmen of Holderness have now a convenient and beautiful house of worship, for which they are in a great measure indebted, under God, to the liberality of churchmen outside the town; and the Rector would embrace this opportunity to offer his heartfelt thanks to all who have in any way, by their money or their prayers and encouragement, contributed to this blessed work, praying that God may bless them abundantly, both in temporal and spiritual things.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, NASHUA.

REV. WILLIAM STEVENS PERRY, RECTOR.

Families, 26; individuals, 130. Baptisms: adults, 4; infants, 6; total, 10. Confirmed, 11. Communicants: added, 15; removed, 5; present number, 42. Marriages, 3. Burials, 6. Sunday School: teachers, 9; scholars, 40. Contributions: Communion alms, $29.80. Missions: Foreign, $4; Domestic, $5, (from Communion alms;) total, $9. Monthly offerings and special contributions for other pious and charitable uses, $135.05. Avails of Ladies' sale for the Church lot fund, $103.22. Weekly offertory from Advent to Easter, for the same purpose, $52.15. Other offerings for the same, $17.50. Total amount of contributions, (exclusive of pew rentals,) $341.72. Libraries: Parish, 95 vols.; Sunday School, 215 vols.

In addition to the contributions towards the church lot fund, reported above, there have been received, for the same purpose, from the parish of Christ Church, Lonsdale, R. I., by the Rev. Edward Cowley, Rector, $25; from a member of the Church of the Advent, Boston, $5, and from a clergyman of the Diocese, $11.

During the past year, efforts have been made by the parish to secure a desirable lot on the main street of the city for the church. Pledges from members of the parish have been obtained, to the amount of upwards of $1000, and it is to be hoped that by the further efforts of those interested in the matter, this movement may meet with success.

Wardens, Charles Cunningham, Reuben Watson Hills; Treasurer, William L. Carter; Clerk, Richard O. Greenleaf.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KEENE.

REV. EDWARD A. RENOUF, RECTOR.

Families, 32; individuals, 29; total, 138. Baptisms: adults, 5; children, 10; total, 15. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 1. Communicants: added, 5; removed, 2; died, 2; present number, 19. Funerals: adults, 4; children, 2; total, 6. Public services: Sundays, 110; other days, 15; total, 125. The holy Communion was publicly administered 13 times; privately, 8 times; total, 21. Three services were held at West Swanzey, and one at Marlborough, adjacent towns. An account of services held in Ashuelot is given in another report. In addition to these, a weekly Bible Class was held at the house of the Rector for six months, commencing in October, at which eight chapters of the Book of Acts were carefully studied, apparently a successful experiment.

All contributions, with the single exception of the Sunday School offerings, have been received at the celebration of the holy Communion, and have amounted to $132.57, which have been expended as follows: Assessment for the expenses of the Convention, $1; assessment for share of Bishop's salary, $1; supply of Prayer Books for use in the public services, $10.57; Sunday School library, books of instruction, &c., $41.67; Domestic Missions, $7.60; Foreign Missions, $6.38; Diocesan Missions, $7.92; work on chancel, carpeting, &c., $5.25; collections in Sunday School, for building a chapel at Nashotah, $7.22; total, $88.58. The balance of the collections, $43.99, and all future collections, not needed for the regular charities of the church, are devoted to the purchase of the musical instrument used in conducting our public services.

Wardens, Messrs. T. B. Kittredge, M. D., and L. F. Goodnow; Parish Clerk, M. T. Tottingham.

The Sunday School has 9 teachers, 1 librarian, and 54 scholars. It is well supplied with books of instruction, and has in its library 200 volumes of the Church Book Society's publications, with a few other books contributed by friends. On the evening of St. Stephen's Day, a Sunday School Festival was held, which was a pleasant occasion for all concerned. In connection with the Sunday School, a Bible Class of seven persons is taught by the Rector.

Since Easter, the parishioners have met socially four times, at different private houses. The results encourage us to continue holding such meetings occasionally.

A lot of land, eligibly and centrally situated, 88 by 200 feet, and bounded on three sides by streets, has been purchased for $1300, paid for, and deeded to the Church. It is expected that a church edifice will be erected upon it during the next year.

This report is from May 1, 1859, at which time continuous services were commenced, to May 27, 1860, inclusive. The influence and growth of the Church in Keene are much larger than the figures above given would indicate to many, as no persons are enumerated who do not appear to be decidedly interested. The Holy Communion was publicly administered for the first time the first Sunday in August, 1859, and the Sunday School was opened the following Sunday. A class for Confirmation awaits the expected visit of the Bishop, in June.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, DOVER.

REV. THOMAS G. SALTER, RECTOR.

Baptisms: adults, 2; infants, 8; total, 10. Confirmations, 6. Communicants: added, 9; removed, 2; died, 1; present number, 58. Marriages, 4; Burials, 3; Contributions: Diocesan purposes, $25; incidental expenses, $67.70; alms, $17.50; improvement of church building, bell, &c., $755; total, 858.20. Sunday School: teachers, 9; pupils, 48.

During the conventional year, gas fixtures have been placed in the Church, a bell hung, and other marked improvements made in the church edifice. Towards the expense of the bell, many citizens of Dover, not connected with the parish, very kindly and generously contributed.

The Sunday School is steadily advancing in numbers. Besides acting as Superintendent, I have given regular instruction to a class of pupils, whose careful and assiduous attention to the duties assigned them has given me very great satisfaction.

I regard the parish as in a highly prosperous state.

UNION CHURCH, CLAREMONT.

REV. HENRY S. SMITH, RECTOR.

Confirmed, 1. Communicants: added, 2; died, 1; removed, 1; present number, 45. Marriages, 2. Burials, 8, 5 of which were not of the parish. Sunday School, about 30 members. Collections: for Domestic Missions, $5; Foreign, $5; Diocesan, $5.25; Alms, $9.75.

The house of worship has been thoroughly repaired and painted. About $25 in cash, and other things, were contributed to the Rector by the social gathering

of the parishioners at New Year's. The Church is as prosperous now as it was at the last report to the Convention.

TRINITY CHURCH, CORNISH.

Communicants, 10. We are sorry not to be able to report improvement in the condition of our old but decayed parish. During the year, we have had no public service, except at the visitation of our Bishop. Nevertheless, we have not, we humbly trust, been indifferent to holy seasons and privileges. Many of us have been almost regular in attendance at the Church in Windsor, Vt. That Church being so near, we can go there without inconvenience. We are very careful, however, to keep up our own organization, hoping something will turn up in providence to our advantage. *For the Wardens.*

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, DREWSVILLE.

Communicants, 18. This Church is still without a pastor. We have had divine service but one day during the year in our Church. The Rev. Dr. Staunton, of the Diocese of New York, while stopping here a few days in November, did us the great kindness to read prayers and preach twice for us. Our Bishop visited us on the fifth Sunday after Easter, and performed the usual offices. There has been one death—that of a lady who had been very useful in the parish. The parsonage is in good condition; and we are taking measures to repair the roof of the church. We very much regret that no clergyman as yet presents himself, who, with the charge of the parish, is willing to take up with the offer of the Drew House, and conduct a boarding school. The house is offered rent free for five years. *For the Wardens.*

GRACE CHURCH, PLAINFIELD.

Communicants, 12. Death, 1. This Church must still be reported among the waste places of Zion. We have had the funeral service once. And on the occasion of the Bishop's visit, we had Evening Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Douglas, and a sermon by the Bishop. It seems quite uncertain when we shall again be favored with regular religious privileges. *For the Wardens.*

Report of the occasional services of Rev. CHARLES BURROUGHS, D. D., *resident in Portsmouth, since the last Diocesan Convention, in May,* 1859, *to the Convention to be held in Dover, May* 30, 1860.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., May 21, 1860.

In compliance with the Canon requiring the report of my occasional services, as a Presbyter of the Diocese of New Hampshire, during the past canonical year, I respectfully present the following statement:

Soon after the last Convention, the Chaplain of the Navy Yard near this city, being ordered away on sea service, I was requested by Captain Pope, the commander of the station, to perform services there on Sundays. With this request I gladly complied, and regularly, from the time of his invitation, officiated on Sunday at the Yard, until the early part of last December. Then I went to Boston, and remained there until the last week in April of this year. During my visit

in Boston, I very often officiated there on Sundays, and on other days, at the various churches, and sometimes I officiated in the neighborhood of Boston. On returning to Portsmouth, I was again solicited by the commander of the Navy Yard, Capt. Pope, to resume my services at the chapel there. Of course, I cheerfully accepted the invitation, began again to officiate there on the last Sunday in April, and intend to continue my services until some other arrangement shall take place.

I have, in the course of the year, attended two funerals, and baptized two children.

I have felt it my duty to signify to the Bishop of Maine an account of my services at the Navy Yard, as the station is considered within his Episcopal jurisdiction. At the chapel in the Navy Yard are usually about twelve communicants.

On the 25th of May last, and during the session of the Convention of the Diocese, I delivered an address at the laying of the corner-stone of St. Paul's Church, in Concord. On the 10th of August last, at the request of Rev. Joshua R. Peirce, I laid, according to prescribed form, the corner-stone of St. Mark's Church, in Holderness, and delivered an address on the occasion.

CHARLES BURROUGHS.

REPORT OF THE CHAPEL OF ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL, CONCORD.

Baptisms: adults, 3. Confirmed, 9. Communicants: added, 9; removed, 3; present number, 17. Sunday School from the neighborhood: scholars, 30. Services on all Sundays and holy days. Contributions: to new church at Holderness, $50; to new church at Concord, $57; to new church at Manchester, $51.34; to Diocesan Missions, $18.58; to Domestic Missions, $43.80; to Mr. Breck's Mission, $40.30; to Orphan's Home, Iowa, $16.61; to St. Stephen's Mission House, Boston, $10; total, $287.63. Funerals from the neighborhood attended by the undersigned, 2.

HENRY A. COIT,
Rector of St. Paul's School.

The undersigned respectfully reports that he has been occupied during the past year, as heretofore, at St. Paul's School, in assisting the Rev. Mr. Coit in the duties of the school and chapel. Besides the regular services in the chapel, it was opened every Wednesday evening, from Epiphany to Easter, for a lecture to persons from the neighborhood. The attendance was encouraging.

The undersigned has attended two funerals in the neighborhood, and one in St. Paul's parish, Concord, which last is included in the returns from that parish. He has also, as occasion offered, officiated in various other places in the State.

May, 1860. FRANCIS CHASE.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Towns.	Parishes.	Rectors.	Baptisms.			Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sund. Sch'ls.		Missionary Contributions.			Other contributions for religious purposes.
			Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Added.	Died or removed.	Present number.				Teachers.	Scholars.	Diocesan.	Domestic.	Foreign.	
Claremont,	Trinity,	Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D.,	7	10	17	.....		153	17	1	8	..	50	$15.00	$25.60	$16.00	$46.50
Hanover,	St. Thomas',	Rev. Edward Bourns, LL. D.,															
Concord,	Chapel of St. Paul's Sch'l,	Rev. Henry A. Coit,	..	3	...	9	3	17	9	..	2	..	30	18.58	43.80	.....	225.25
Concord,	St. Paul's,	Rev. J. H. Eames,	19	9	28	..	3	124	19	2	3	12	75	30.57	30.00	.....	186.86
Portsmouth,	St. John's,	Rev. William A. Hitchcock,	36	12	48	20	7	138	15	11	24	25	160	68.49	29.36	30.40	466.67
Manchester,	St. Michael's,	Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard, D. D.,	15	1	16	25	7	120	11	4	10	..	...	.....	30.00	16.00	203.86
Holderness,	St. Mark's,	Rev. Joshua R. Peirce,	2	2	4	5	3	36	...	...	1	..	25	.....	10.00	.....	63.00
Nashua,	St. Luke's,	Rev. William Stevens Perry,	6	4	10	15	5	42	11	3	6	9	40	.....	5.00	4.00	332.72
Keene,	St. James',	Rev. Edward A. Renouf,	10	5	15	5	4	19	5	1	6	9	54	7.92	7.60	6.38	117.89
Dover,	St. Thomas',	Rev. Thomas G. Salter,	8	2	10	9	3	58	6	4	3	9	48	25.00	.....	.....	833.20
Claremont,	Union,	Rev. Henry S. Smith,	..	..	...	2	2	45	1	2	8	..	30	5.25	6.00	5.00	9.75
Cornish,	Trinity,	Vacant,	..	..	...	..	....	10									
Hopkinton,	St. Andrews',	Vacant,	..	..	...	..	....										
Plainfield,	Grace,	Vacant,	..	..	...	..	1	12									
Walpole (Drewsville)	St. Peter's,	Vacant,	..	..	...	..	1	18									
			103	48	148	90	39	782	94	28	71	64	512	170.81	187.36	77.78	2,485.70

DIOCESE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

J. D. WATSON, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE BISHOP'S FUND. DR.

May 25, 1859.	To amount balance on hand, per last year's report,		$21.31
"	received from the following Churches, viz:		
	St. John's, Portsmouth,	$93.75	
	St. Paul's, Concord,	22.50	
	Trinity, Claremont,	26.25	
	Union, Claremont,	51.25	
	St. Michael's, Manchester,	21.25	
	St. Thomas', Dover,	20.00	
	St. Mark's, Holderness,	1.00	
	St. Thomas', Hanover,	1.00	
	St. James', Keene,	1.00	
	St. Luke's, Nashua,	1.00	
	St. Andrew's, Hopkinton, for 1858,	2.00	
			$241.00
			$258.31
To amount received from the Trustees of Donations, &c.,			200.00
			$458.31

CONTRA, CR.

May, 1860.	By amount paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Chase, his salary one year, to June 1, 1860, as per his receipts,	$450.00	
	Balance in hands of Treasurer,	8.31	
			$458.31
Due from Trinity Church, Cornish,			10.00
" St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,			1.00

Respectfully submitted,

JUSTUS D. WATSON,
Treasurer Bishop's Fund.

Manchester, May 29, 1860.

DIOCESE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

J. D. WATSON, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE DIOCESE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE. DR.

May 26, 1859.	To balance, per last report,		$2.46
	To cash received from the following parishes, towards expenses of the Convention, viz:		
	Trinity Church, Claremont,	$8.00	
	St. James' Church, Keene,	1.00	
	St. Luke's Church, Nashua,	1.00	
	St. John's Church, Portsmouth,	18.00	
	St. Paul's Church, Concord,	6.00	
	St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	5.00	
	Grace Church, Plainfield,	1.00	
	St. Michael's Church, Manchester,	6.00	
	St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	1.00	
	St. Peter's Church, Drewsville,	1.00	
	Union Church, Claremont,	8.00	

St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	1.00	
St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	1.00	
		$58.00
		$60.46

CONTRA, CR.

By amount paid Butterfield & Merriam, for printing 600 copies of the Journal of Convention of 1859,	$41.50
By amount paid H. A. Brown, Secretary, postages and express expenses and stationery,	3.57
By amount Treasurer's postages,	50
	$45.57
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	14.89
	$60.46
Remaining due from Trinity Church, Cornish,	2.00

Respectfully submitted,
JUSTUS D. WATSON, Treasurer.

Manchester, May 29, 1860.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

FRANCIS CHASE, TREASURER,
IN ACCOUNT WITH THE BOARD OF DIOCESAN MISSIONS. DR.

1859.	May 26,	To balance on hand,	$10.11
	June 2,	Collection at Convention,	12.67
1860.	Feb. 7,	Cash from St. James' Church, Keene,	7.84
	May 18,	" St. John's Church, Portsmouth,	37.13
	" 26,	" Trinity Church, Claremont,	15.00
	" 28,	" Chapel of St. Paul's School,	18.58
	" 28,	" C———	5.00
	" 30,	" St. Paul's Church, Concord,	30.57
	" 30,	" Union Church, W. Claremont,	5.25
	" 31,	" collection at Convention,	5.00
			$147.15

CR.

1859.	Dec. 6, By paid Rev. Dr. Bourns, on account of salary for year ending Dec. 1, 1859,	$17.00
		$130.15

FRANCIS CHASE,
Treasurer Board of Diocesan Missions.

Concord, N. H., May 31, 1860.

CONSTITUTION

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DIOCESE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

ARTICLE 1. The Protestant Episcopal Church in New Hampshire, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to, recognizes and adopts the General Constitution and Canons of that Church, and acknowledges its authority.

ART. 2. There shall be a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of this Diocese, on the last Wednesday of May in each year, at such hour and place as the Convention shall determine, unless the Ecclesiastical authority shall see fit to alter the time or place of holding said Convention.

ART. 3. The Bishop shall have power to call Special Conventions, when he shall judge it convenient to the good of the Church, and shall do so when applied to for that purpose by the Standing Committee. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee shall have power to call a Special Convention.

ART. 4. Every Convention shall be opened with prayers and the celebration of the Lord's Supper; and it shall be the duty of the Bishop either to deliver a charge or sermon, or to appoint one of his clergy to preach, at the opening of each Convention. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee shall appoint the preacher.

ART. 5. The Convention shall be composed of the officiating ministers who shall have been regularly admitted and settled in some church within this Diocese which is in union with this Convention; of all ministers who have canonical residence, and are of regular standing in the Diocese; and of lay members, consisting of not exceeding three delegates from each church, to be chosen by each Parish at their annual meeting—and in case of the inability of any delegate so chosen to attend, his place may be supplied by the Rector and Wardens, and their certificate shall be signed by the Clerk, the Rector, or one of the Wardens of the Parish; and of clergymen, employed as missionaries under the direction of this Convention, or of the Board of Domestic Missions of the Gen-

eral Convention; and of clergymen engaged as professors or instructors of youth, and of chaplains in the army or navy of the United States, holding a canonical residence in this Diocese; and of ministers, whose age and infirmities prevent them from exercising their clerical functions: Provided that in case of the election of a Bishop, no clergyman shall be entitled to vote who shall not have resided canonically the six previous months in the Diocese.

ART. 6. The members of the Convention present, provided there shall be at least four regularly settled clergymen, and three laymen of three different churches, who shall be present, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but if there shall be only two clergymen and two laymen present, they shall have power to adjourn.

ART. 7. The Bishop shall preside *ex officio* in the Convention; but in case of his absence, or of a vacancy of the Episcopate, the members shall elect a President from among the clergy.

ART. 8. A Secretary shall be chosen by ballot, upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, and said Secretary, so chosen and accepting, shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention, or until a successor shall be appointed. His duty shall be to take minutes of the proceedings; to publish, soon after the Convention, the said minutes; to attest the public acts of the body; and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor all books and papers which may be in his possession, relative to the concerns of the Convention. It shall be also his duty to give due notice to each minister of the Diocese, and where there is no minister in any parish, to a warden thereof, of the time and place appointed for the meeting of the succeeding Convention.

ART. 9. In all matters which shall come before the Convention, the clergy and laity shall deliberate in one body. But if, in any case, it be required by three voters, the two orders shall vote separately, the laity by parishes; and the concurrence of a majority of each order shall be necessary to constitute a decision. All elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered.

ART. 10. Whenever a Bishop shall be chosen for the Church of this Diocese, the Convention shall vote by orders. The clergy, provided a majority entitled to seats shall be present, shall proceed to choose by ballot some suitable presbyter to be a Bishop, and a majority of votes shall determine the choice; and thereupon the name of the presbyter chosen shall be communicated to the lay delegates, provided a majority of the parishes in the Diocese shall then be represented; and if, on ballot, the said choice be approved by a majority of votes, the presbyter so chosen shall be declared duly elected Bishop.

ART. 11. No clergymen shall be suspended, or receive any public censure from the Bishop or Standing Committee of this Diocese, without having been adjudged thereto in the way provided for by the Canons.

ART. 12. This constitution shall not be subject to alterations, except at the Annual Convention, nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed at least one annual meeting previous to its adoption. The mode of altering this Constitution shall be as follows: Propositions for amendment shall be introduced in writing and considered in the Convention, and, if approved, shall lie over to the next Convention; and if again approved in such next Convention by a majority of the orders voting thereon separately, the change shall take place, and the Constitution so altered shall be valid and obligatory.

CANONS

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

DIOCESE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

CANON 1.

OF THE CLERICAL LIST.

SECTION 1. Within one week before every Convention, the Bishop or the President of the Standing Committee shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, a list of the clergymen of this Church canonically resident in this Diocese; annexing the names of their respective parishes, or the nature of their employment, or, if not employed, their places of residence; provided, that no suspended clergyman shall have a place on said list.

SEC. 2. The list aforesaid shall be laid before the Convention on the first day of its session, and shall be *prima facie* evidence of the right of any clergyman to a seat in the Convention.

CANON 2.

OF LAY DELEGATES.

Every parish in union with this Convention shall be entitled to three lay delegates. A certificate of their appointment at a regular parish meeting, signed by the parish clerk or by the clergyman, or by one of the wardens, shall, before their admission to seats, be laid before the Convention; provided, that no person shall be competent to serve as lay delegate who is not a stated worshipper in the parish he represents.

CANON 3.

OF THE PARISH REGISTER AND REPORT.

SECTION 1. Every clergyman shall keep a register of all baptisms, confirmations, communicants, marriages and burials within his parish. It shall specify the name of the child baptized, the names of the parents and sponsors, the time of the birth, the names of the adults baptized, and of their witnesses, the names

of the parties married, the names and ages of the persons buried, and time when each rite was performed. It shall also contain a list of the communicants, of the families and adult persons of the parish, and an accurate list of the persons confirmed, and the Bishop officiating at each confirmation.

SEC. 2. Every clergyman, or if the parish be vacant, the wardens, shall cause to be presented, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, to the President or Secretary of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages and funerals, and of the communicants, (distinguishing the additions, removals and deaths,) in his parish; and of the names of the Wardens, Treasurer and Clerk of said parish; also of the condition of the Sunday School, of the amount of communion alms, of the contributions for missions, diocesan, domestic and foreign; for parochial schools, for church purposes in general, and any other matters illustrating the condition of the church. If any clergyman shall be without parochial charge, he shall report the occasional services he may have rendered, or, if he have performed no ministerial duties, the causes or reasons which have prevented.

CANON 4.

OF THE DIOCESAN REPORT.

A Committee of the Convention shall be appointed, at the meeting next before the General Convention, to prepare a condensed report and tabular view of the state of the Church in this Diocese, subject to the approbation of the Bishop, agreeable to the recommendation of the twelfth canon of 1853.

CANON 5.

OF PARISH MEETINGS.

The wardens, vestrymen, parish clerk and delegates to the Convention, shall be elected by ballot by the parishioners, at the annual parish meeting in Easter week, and shall continue in office till another election. In cases of expediency, a special meeting may be held for that purpose.

CANON 6.

OF THE WARDENS AND VESTRYMEN.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the church wardens, (who ought to be communicants,) to assist the clergyman in promoting the general interests of the parish; to take care that the church building and grounds be kept in good condition, apart from secular uses; to provide a prayer book and bible of suitable size, and a surplice and other furniture; to make the collections in churches; to furnish the bread and wine for the celebration of the Lord's Supper; to procure a suitable book for keeping the records of the parish; to preserve order during divine service, and to secure occasional clerical services, or lay reading for the edification of the church.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the vestrymen, with the wardens, to take charge of the property of the church, and to transact the temporal business pertaining to the parish; to elect and call a clergyman, and to provide promptly for his maintenance, and in the absence of the wardens to perform the several duties specially pertaining to them.

SEC. 3. No meeting of the vestry shall be had, unless at least three days' notice

has been given by the clerk, at the request of the rector or one of the wardens. The rector, or one of the wardens, and a majority of the vestrymen shall constitute a quorum.

CANON 7.

OF THE SECRETARY OF THE CONVENTION.

The Secretary shall annually send to the Bishops of this Church in the United States, and to the Secretary of the last "House of Clerical and Lay Deputies" and to the Secretary of every Diocesan Convention, a copy of the Journal of this Diocese; requesting the last mentioned to send copies of their respective journals in exchange. He shall also transmit to each General Convention a certificate, signed by himself containing the names of the clergymen of the Diocese, of the nominated trustees of the General Theological Seminary, and of the appointed clerical and lay deputies. In case of a vacancy in this office, its duties shall be discharged by the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

CANON 8.

OF THE TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

At each regular Convention a Treasurer shall be chosen by ballot, and shall remain in office till a successor is appointed. It shall be his duty to collect and disburse all moneys authorized or assessed by the Convention, the management of which is not otherwise provided for, and to render an annual account of the same to the Convention. In case of a vacancy in this office, it shall be filled by an appointment made by the Standing Committee, till a new election.

CANON 9.

OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. In accordance with the fourth Canon of the General Convention of 1832, at every stated meeting of the Convention, a Standing Committee consisting of three clergymen and three lay communicants, shall be chosen by ballot, and by the concurrent votes of the members of each order. The Committee shall meet as soon as possible after election, and choose from their own body a President and Secretary, the former being a presbyter; all the members having been duly cited, a majority shall constitute a quorum. They shall perform the duties assigned them by the Canons of the General and Diocesan Conventions. Their proceedings shall be reported at each regular Convention, and recorded by the Secretary of the Convention.

SEC. 2. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, or the inability or disability of the Bishop, the powers and duties pertaining to the Bishop, in matters of discipline, shall belong to the Standing Committee; provided, that when such powers and duties are specially delegated or enjoined upon the clerical members of the Standing Committee, they shall be exercised by said Committee alone; provided, also, that no sentence shall be pronounced upon a clergyman, except by a Bishop.

SEC. 3. In the case above mentioned, also, the Standing Committee shall have power to call a special Convention, by a circular letter, addressed to the rectors and wardens of the several churches, provided that no other business

than that specified in said letter shall come before such Convention. The members of the Standing Committee shall continue in office till their successors are appointed.

CANON 10.

OF THE DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

SECTION 1. The Convention, at each regular meeting, shall elect by ballot of both orders collectively, four clergymen and four laymen, who are communicants, to act as Deputies from this Diocese to the General Convention. It shall also elect, in like manner, four of each order, of similar qualifications, as Provisional Deputies. They shall hold their respective offices till successors are appointed.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Deputies elect to signify to the Bishop, at least a fortnight before the meeting of the General Convention, their acceptance of the appointment and their intention to perform its duties; in default of which the Bishop shall designate, from the list of Provisional Deputies, as many as may be necessary to insure a full representation of the Diocese; and the persons so designated, being furnished with the certificate of the Bishop, shall possess the full powers of Deputies of this Convention. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, or the inability of the Bishop, the Provisional Deputies may be designated by the Standing Committee.

CANON 11.

OF THE UNION OF A CHURCH WITH THE CONVENTION.

In order to the union of a new parish with this Convention, a certificate of its organization signed by the parish clerk, or by the rector, or by one of the wardens, shall be laid before the Convention; also a certificate of the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop who can act in the matter, of the majority of the Standing Committee, approving of its organization; provided, that when such parish is within the limits of a city or town already having a church or churches in connection with this Convention, the consent of the clerical and lay authorities of said church or churches shall first be obtained, unless the Bishop and Convention shall otherwise determine.

CANON 12.

OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

SECTION 1. The fund for the support of the Episcopate, now or hereafter accumulated, together with the proceeds thereof, shall be intrusted to the care of "The Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New Hampshire," incorporated in 1846. Said Trustees, when required, shall exhibit a statement of the condition and securities of the fund to the Convention.

SEC. 2. If the income from the Bishop's fund is not sufficient for the payment of his salary, the deficiency shall be supplied by such assessments on the different parishes, as may be recommended by the Annual Finance Committee.

CANON 13.

OF DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

SECTION 1. All clergymen entitled to seats in the Convention, together with

either of the lay delegates from each parish in union with the Convention, shall constitute the Board of Missions; provided, that the parishes to which said clergymen and laymen belong contribute annually to diocesan missions. The Bishop shall be *ex officio* President of the Board, and the appointment of all missionaries must receive his consent. Three members, two at least being presbyters, shall constitute a quorum. The Board shall have power, in the absence of the Bishop, to elect a chairman *pro tem.* Also to appoint a Secretary and a Treasurer, to make its own by-laws, to hold stated Convocations, with the consent of the Bishop, and to employ missionaries and render assistance to parishes, according to the means provided. It shall be the agent of the Convention for the receipt and disbursement of the funds collected by its authority for this object, and for the distribution of prayer-books, bibles, &c., where needed. At the Annual Convention it shall make a full report of its proceedings.

SEC. 2. An annual collection shall be made in all the churches of this Diocese, on Easter Sunday, or when the Rector may appoint, for the extension of the Church in the Diocese.

CANON 14.

OF LAY DISCIPLINE.

SECTION 1. If a communicant offend his brother by any wickedness of life, he shall be suspended from communion; and if, after admonition and a reasonable trial, he fails to give satisfactory evidence of repentance, he shall be repelled and notified thereof.

A communicant, neglecting public worship or the holy Communion for the space of twelve months, without a reason satisfactory to the parish clergyman, shall, after admonition, be liable to suspension.

SEC. 2. The rule for the settlement of differences and animosities arising between communicants, shall be that prescribed by our Saviour in the 18th chapter of St. Matthew, the 15th, 16th and 17th verses. If the party aggrieved refuses to follow this rule, he shall cease to complain of injuries to the disturbance of the Church's peace; in default of which he may, after admonition, be suspended. When any person is complained of to the clergyman, in accordance with the above rule, if, after ministerial admonition, he continues obdurate, and persists in the injury he has done, he shall be repelled.

SEC. 3. In all cases of repulsion from communion, notice shall be given to the Bishop, as required by the rubric; provided, that a layman so repelled, if visited with dangerous sickness, may, at the discretion of the clergyman, on profession of sincere repentance and charity, be restored.

CANON 15.

OF PERSONS REPELLED FROM COMMUNION.

In case of complaint made to the Bishop, by a person repelled from communion, as contemplated in Sec. 2d, Canon 42d, of the General Convention of 1832, "it shall be the duty of the Bishop, unless he thinks fit to restore such person, from the insufficiency of the cause assigned" by the repelling clergyman, to institute an inquiry by appointing a commission consisting of one presbyter and two lay communicants, whose duty it shall be to hold an examination of persons and papers. The presbyter in said commission who shall be its chairman, shall

appoint a time and place within the parish to which the repelled person belongs, for holding the inquiry, of which time and place reasonable notice shall be given to the person repelled and to the repelling clergyman. Facts having been inquired into and an opinion formed by the Commission, the same shall be reported to the Bishop, who, if he approve, shall make it known to the respective parties; and by this decision they shall be governed. If the Bishop do not approve, he may take measures for a reïnquiry.

CANON 16.

OF PENAL CLERICAL OFFENCES.

Disorderly and immoral conduct; vicious or unseemly diversions; neglect of duty; disregard of the Constitution and Canons of the General or Diocesan Conventions; a deviation from the rubrics; disseminating or countenancing opinions which are contrary to the doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, or separation from her communion, are offences for which a clergyman may be brought to trial.

CANON 17.

OF THE TRIAL OF A CLERGYMAN.

SECTION 1. In order to bring a clergyman to trial before an ecclesiastical court, a charge shall first be made to the Standing Committee in writing, signed by at least five male communicants in good and regular standing, embracing the facts alleged, with the witnesses and other evidence to prove the same. If, in the opinion of the committee, the accusation is weighty, and its further investigation required for the good of the Church, they shall, as privately as possible, hold a preliminary inquiry, for the purpose of weighing the evidence. Notice shall be duly given to the accused, both of the charge, and of the time and place of holding the inquiry; at which, with his consent, witnesses may be examined under oath. If the proof appears sufficient to the committee to warrant a trial, they shall cause a presentment of the case to be made to the Bishop, charging the respondent with the offence or offences contained in the evidence, and specifying the facts with reasonable certainty as to time, place and circumstances.

SEC. 2. If at this, or any other stage of the proceedings, the accused shall confess the truth of the charges, the Bishop shall proceed to pass sentence.

SEC. 3. On receiving the presentment above mentioned, the Bishop shall cause to be inscribed on a list the names of twelve presbyters, drawn by lot from the whole number of those belonging to, and employed in the diocese, (excepting the accused; those, if any, presenting, and those on the Standing Committee,) or, if there are not more than twelve, as above, in the diocese, then he shall cause to be so inscribed the whole number thus remaining, and shall provide that a copy of said list and of the presentment be forthwith served on the accused, or left at his usual place of residence. Of these names the accused shall strike off, within thirty days, one half of the number over six, (or one more if it be not an even number,) and give notice to the Bishop. He shall thereupon send a list of the remaining presbyters to the President of the Standing Committee, who shall, within thirty days, strike off from said list, till only six remain, and give notice to the Bishop. Should either party fail to notify the Bishop, as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to strike off for said

party, according to the above rule. The remaining six presbyters shall constitute the Council for the trial of the accused.

Sec. 4. The Council shall hold its session at such time, and place, and in public or in private, as the Bishop may appoint. A written notice of the time and place of meeting of the Council shall be served on the accused, or left at his usual place of abode, at least thirty days before such meeting; and the like notice shall be given to the Standing Committee, who, by their President, or some one whom they may appoint to perform that office, shall collect and present the evidence, and otherwise appear in behalf of the prosecution. The accused, also, shall be allowed the privilege of counsel under such regulations as the Council may prescribe.

Sec. 5. The Council shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place within the diocese. If it fail to meet on the day appointed, it shall stand adjourned to the next day, and from day to day, for the space of three days, if not sooner formed; and if the whole number do not attend, and it appears probable that a full attendance can not be had, those of the Council who may be present, being not less than four, shall appoint a President and Secretary; the first from their own body, and the latter from their own body or otherwise; and before proceeding to trial shall ordain and declare the rules by which they will be governed. It shall cause the oral testimony, on both sides, to be written down by the Secretary, and along with the depositions and other evidence adduced, to be carefully preserved; and shall cause a journal to be kept of its proceedings. Some officer authorized by law, may be called upon by the Council to administer an oath or affirmation to the witnesses, and, upon all questions, the Common Law shall furnish the rule, and the concurrence of a majority shall be sufficient for a decision.

Sec. 6. The Council, after it shall be organized, may appoint one or more of the profession of the law to be its assessors, who may be present at all its proceedings. It shall be their duty to give to the Council an opinion upon any question which may arise, upon which the Council or any member thereof, or the prosecuting or accused party, shall desire an opinion, but without any voice in the decision of any question.

Sec. 7. If the accused do not appear at the time appointed, the Council may proceed to trial in his absence, or, for good cause shown, may adjourn the trial to another day; and if he then fail to appear, the Council shall report him to the Bishop for contumacy, who thereupon shall pass upon him sentence of suspension from the ministry; but such sentence may be revised by the Bishop, if the accused within three calendar months shall report to him that he is prepared for trial, and shall appear for that end before the Council; and if he does not so report and appear, the Bishop, in view of the charges in the presentment, may pass upon him sentence of degradation from the ministry.

Sec. 8. If the attendance of a material witness cannot be had, the Bishop shall, on application of either party, appoint a Commissioner to take the deposition of such witness, and the party applying shall give to the other party full and sufficient notice, of which the Bishop shall be judge, of the time and place of taking the deposition, and of the principal points upon which the witness is to be examined. The deposition shall be signed by the witness, and certified by the Commissioner under seal to the Council.

SEC. 9. When the trial shall be ended, the Council shall declare in a writing to be signed by the several members or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether they find the accused guilty or not guilty—and if guilty, suggesting what sentence in their opinion ought to be pronounced. They shall forward their decision, together with the evidence and the proceedings, to the Bishop; whereupon, if the accused be found guilty, the Bishop shall pronounce such sentence as shall to him appear proper, not exceeding that suggested by the Council, and such sentence shall be final. But if, in such case, in the opinion of the Bishop, the accused ought to have a new trial, he shall have power to award it; in which case, a new Council shall be constituted, as hereinbefore provided, (excluding the members of the former Council) before which the proceedings shall be conducted, as before provided.

SEC. 10. It shall be the duty of the Bishop to report to the Convention, at its next session after the trial of a clergyman, as herein provided, the finding of the Council and his sentence thereupon.

SEC. 11. Nothing herein contained shall be regarded as interfering with the duty of the Bishop or the clerical members of the Standing Committee, to institute an inquiry, according to the provisions of Canon 37 of 1832, of the General Convention. And whenever either of the parties aforesaid, after such inquiry, shall be of opinion that there is just ground for the public rumors referred to in said Canon, they shall present a charge accordingly in writing, to the Standing Committee, stating the facts and the evidence to establish them, and thereupon such further proceedings shall be had as are herein directed.

CANON 18.

OF CONTROVERSIES BETWEEN PARISHES.

In case of controversy or difference between parishes or churches, the Standing Committee of the diocese shall constitute and be a session of arbitration for the adjustment of the same, according to the Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and the principles of equity and justice. A presentment may be made by either party to the Bishop, setting forth its claims, with a general statement of the evidence to support them, and requesting an investigation by canonical authority. On receiving such presentment the Bishop shall transmit a copy of the same to the President of the Standing Committee, who, as soon as may be, shall proceed to summon the Standing Committee to meet at a time and place appointed by the Bishop, to act in the case presented. The Bishop shall also, at least one month before the day so appointed, cause a notice to be given to the Clerk or one of the Wardens of the respective parishes in controversy, of the said time and place, together with copies of the presentment, and with citations to appear each on its proper part. If on points of law the Standing Committee shall desire the assistance and counsel of a lay assessor, the Bishop shall appoint some suitable person to act as such, it being understood that his office is simply suggestive and advisory, and not authoritative.

After a fair and full hearing of the parties, the Committee shall proceed to make up a judgment on the question or questions at issue, which judgment, being signed by a majority of the Committee, shall be sealed up and delivered to the Bishop; who, if he approve the same, shall, within a reasonable time,

make it known to the parties respectively. In case the Bishop shall not approve the judgment he shall have power to order a new session of arbitration any time within six months. A judgment so rendered and approved shall be binding to all intents and purposes on the respective parties, and if either of them shall not within a reasonable time, comply with and conform to the said judgment, such parish shall forfeit its connection with the Convention, and all rights and privileges thereto pertaining.

CANON 19.

OF A REGISTRAR OF THIS CONVENTION.

SECTION 1. There shall be appointed by the Convention of this Church, a Registrar, whose duty it shall be to procure all such published journals, papers, reports, pamphlets and other documents as are now in existence, relating to or illustrating the history of the Church in this State; and also all other such journals, records and histories of the Church in the United States as are now, or may become, the property of the Convention of this Church; to arrange, label, file, index, and otherwise put in order, and provide for the preservation of the same, in some safe and accessible place of deposit, and to hold the same under such regulations and restrictions as this Convention may from time to time enact.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the said Registrar to solicit, in the name of the Convention, the donation of any papers, manuscript or printed, in any way relating to the history of the Church in New Hampshire; and he shall also be further empowered, by the exchange of duplicates, or otherwise, to provide for the increase and perfection of the collections he may procure.

SEC. 3. In the exercise of his duty the said Registrar shall be authorized to draw upon the treasury of the Convention, for the purpose of meeting the expense necessarily incurred in the procuring, preservation and binding of said collection, contemplated by this Canon; provided that the annual appropriation of money for this purpose do not exceed the sum of ten dollars.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Registrar to present, at each Annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese, a full and accurate report of all collections of books, pamphlets or papers, made by him in accordance with the requisitions of this Canon, during the last conventional year, with the names of all donors, and a specification of all exchanges of duplicates or appropriations of money; and said report, or so much of it as the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese shall determine, shall be published in the annual journal of the Convention of the Diocese.

SEC. 5. The said Registrar shall hold his office for one conventional year, or until another be duly chosen and appointed in his place.

CANON 20.

All former Canons, inconsistent with the foregoing, are hereby repealed.

CERTIFICATE OF LAY DELEGATES.

At the Annual Parish Meeting of ——— Church of ——, on the ——— day of ———, [last, or inst.,] A — B —, C— D—, and E— F—, were duly elected Delegates to the Convention of this Diocese, to be held at ———, on ——— next, and that G— H—, I— K—, and L— M—, were also chosen as substitutes.

(Signed,) ——— ———, *Parish Clerk.*

[Or *Rector* or *Warden*, as the case may be.]

NOTICE.

The Sixty-first Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of New Hampshire, will be held in St. Paul's Church, Concord, on the last Wednesday of May, 1861, at 9 o'clock A. M.

HORACE A. BROWN,
Secretary of the Convention.

Concord, June, 1860.

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ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 1861.

CONCORD:
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TO THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:

I recommend the following Prayer for use in the Services of the Church during the continuance of the evils which now afflict our Country. And to the laity I recommend its use in the devotions of the family and the closet.

CARLTON CHASE, Bishop.

Claremont, May 1, 1861.

PRAYER.

Almighty and Eternal God, King of kings and Lord of lords, by whose judgment nations are cast down, and by whose mercy they rise again in strength and glory, we humble ourselves before thee in this great extremity and distress of our Country. And while we confess our guilt and unworthiness in thy sight, and must own the justice of this visitation of thy wrath, we fervently implore thy forgiveness, and thy gracious intervention for our relief and protection. By thy merciful and mighty power uphold, we beseech thee, the Government of this land. Overrule the counsels of those who are enemies of union and peace. To all in authority over us give wisdom, energy, and courage, that through their faithful performance of duty and the resources committed to them by thy providence and made effectual by thy blessing, this Republic may be preserved in peace to many generations. Grant that our free institutions may stand as things which cannot be shaken, but which remain as monuments of thy protecting care and the patriotism of thy people. Stay the progress of insurrection and intestine war. Restoré to our Country union, peace and prosperity,—and grant, that all of us, humbled and improved by these sore afflictions, may henceforth strive more faithfully to serve thee in this world, and may finally attain to everlasting life hereafter; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PROCEEDINGS.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CONCORD,
Wednesday, May 29, 1861.

This being the day fixed by the Constitution for holding the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of New Hampshire, the Right Reverend CARLTON CHASE, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, with a number of the Clergy and Laity, assembled in the City of Concord, agreeably to a resolution passed at the Sixtieth Annual Convention of said Church, held at the City of Dover, May, 1860.

The first service connected with the Convention was held on Tuesday evening, when the Rev. FRANCIS CHASE preached the Annual Missionary Sermon, Evening Prayer being read by the Rev. Messrs. SALTER of Dover, and POTTER of Holderness.

The Convention was called to order on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, by the Rt. Rev. President, the Bishop of the Diocese.

The Bishop laid upon the Secretary's table a list of the Clergy of the Diocese, canonically members of the Convention, which being called, the following Clergymen answered to their names and took seats in the Convention:

Rt. Rev. CARLTON CHASE, D. D.;
Rev. EDWARD BOURNS, LL. D.;
Rev. CHARLES BURROUGHS, D. D.;
Rev. FRANCIS CHASE;
Rev. HENRY A. COIT;
Rev. JAMES H. EAMES;
Rev. MARCELLUS A. HERRICK;

Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, D. D.;
Rev. DEXTER POTTER;
Rev. EDWARD A. RENOUF;
Rev. THOMAS G. SALTER.

By order of the President, the certificates of the Lay Delegates were presented, and, on motion, referred to a committee consisting of Rev. T. G. Salter and George G. Ide, who subsequently reported the following persons as entitled to seats in the Convention:

Trinity Church, Claremont—Arnold Briggs, George G. Ide,* Lewis Perry.

St. Paul's Church, Concord—C. S. Eastman,* Matthew Harvey,* David Davis.*

St. James' Church, Keene—William P. Wheeler,* L. F. Goodnow,* D. H. Ward.

St. Luke's Church, Nashua—R. W. Hills, R. O. Greenleaf, E. L. Whitcome.*

St. Thomas' Church, Dover—William Hale, Charles W. Woodman, James Richardson.

St. John's Church, Portsmouth—Lory Odell, Albert R. Hatch,* James P. Bartlett.

Grace Church, Manchester—Justus D. Watson,* Thomas Hoyt, T. W. Little.

The report was accepted and delegates present admitted to seats in the Convention.

Resolved, That clergymen officiating in this Diocese, not canonically members of this Convention, and clergymen of other Dioceses, and candidates for Orders, who may be present, be admitted to seats in this Convention.

Under this resolution, Rev. Theodore Edson, D. D., Rev. Benjamin Hale, D. D., and Rev. Lewis Green, of the Diocese of Massachusetts, took seats in the Convention.

On motion, the Rules of Order for last year were adopted for the government of this Convention. [See Appendix.]

On motion, the following Committees were appointed:

On Finance—Rev. E. A. Renouf, Messrs. David Davis, and George G. Ide.

On Nominations—Rev. T. G. Salter, Rev. E. Bourns, LL. D., and Mr. C. S. Eastman.

On Constitution and Canons—Rev. I. G. Hubbard, Rev. J. H. Eames, and Wm. P. Wheeler, Esq.

On motion, adjourned to attend divine service and to meet again at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

*Present.

Morning Prayer was read by Rev. Messrs. Renouf and Bourns.

The Convention Sermon was preached by Rev. Thomas G. Salter.

The Bishop, assisted by Rev. Dr. Hubbard, administered the Holy Communion.

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3 o'clock P. M.

Met agreeably to adjournment.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to choose a Secretary, and Horace A. Brown of Concord, was unanimously re-elected.

The Bishop then read his

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Beloved Brethren:

The last Convention, which, like its immediate predecessor, was one of much interest, was held in St. Thomas' Church, Dover, on the 30th day of May, 1860, and, having completed its business, adjourned finally on Thursday, May 31.

On the day last mentioned I proceeded, with Mrs. Chase, to make a social and informal visit to our friends of St. John's Church, Portsmouth, where, in the family of the Rev. Mr. Hitchcock, who occupied that true home of a Christian minister, the Rectory or Parsonage, I spent four happy days; and I beg now to acknowledge my grateful sensibility to the kind and hospitable attentions of the people of this ancient Church. On Sunday, June 3, I administered the holy Communion in St. John's Church, with assistance of the Rector, and preached twice, Morning and Evening Prayer being read by the Rev. Mr. Hitchcock. The day was very fine, and the congregation, I thought, unusually large. An appointment for a visitation of this Church in the month of November last, was, at the suggestion of the Rector, withdrawn.

June 5, *Tuesday.* I laid the corner-stone of Grace Church, Manchester. This was a great and impressive solemnity. There were present from Massachusetts the Rev. Drs. Randall and Edson, and the Rev. Mr. Lambert; and belonging to New Hampshire, the Rev. Messrs. Eames, Hubbard and Chase. The Bishop and Clergy, with the Choristers, moved in procession to the prepared spot. After the laying of the stone according to customary form, an address, remarkably interesting and well-timed, was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Randall. It was listened to by a vast assemblage of people, with profound attention. Nothing could be more judicious or satisfactory on such an occasion.

June 13. I visited St. James' Church, Keene, preached, and

confirmed fifteen persons; the Rev. Mr. Renouf, Rector, reading Prayers. This was a visitation of exceeding interest. The Parish, which has purchased a fine lot whereon to erect a Church, is blessed with many tokens of the divine favor. In the evening of the day following I had the pleasure of meeting some fifty or more of the friends of the Church in social assemblage at the house of Mr. Renouf. The interview was closed with singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer. I shall long remember, with peculiar satisfaction, this most agreeable visit.

June 15. Notice from Bishop Horatio Potter of the Deposition from the Ministry of Geo. Wm. Godfrey.

June 26. On recommendation by the Standing Committee I admitted Mr. Ephraim L. Whitcome a Candidate for Holy Orders.

June 27. I attended the examination of students in the General Theological Seminary in the city of New York, and also a meeting of the Trustees. On the following day I assisted in the usual services and exercises of the Annual Commencement of that useful institution. Business of great importance to its interests was transacted by the Trustees at this anniversary. In compliance with a request from the Provisional Bishop of New York, who was absent in Europe, I held an Ordination in Trinity Church on Sunday, the 1st day of July, when four Candidates, after due examination, were admitted to the order of Deacons. At an Ordination held the next day in St. Philip's Church, I advanced a Deacon to the Priesthood.

July 4. Being on a visit to my excellent friend, the Rev. Dr. Dod, at Princeton, New Jersey, I enjoyed the privilege of uniting with him and his people in offering before the throne of God the Morning Service of the Church, as the fittest introduction to the duties and festivities of the memorable day. O, that the like of this had always been done in every house and heart in our country, dedicated by prayer to Almighty God. "Then had our peace been as a river, and our righteousness as the waves of the sea."

July 8, *Sunday*. I held a special Confirmation in Trinity Church, Claremont, when three persons received "the laying on of hands."

July 19. Notice from Bishop Smith of the Deposition from the Ministry of Thomas N. Ralston.

July 23. I gave to Henry M. Parker, Esq., a license to act as Lay Reader at Jaffrey. Also, about the same time I licensed, for a similar purpose, Mr. S. H. Hilliard, to act at North Conway, and Mr. G. L. Locke to act in connection with Mr. Hilliard.

It will dispose of a subject, so far as this address is concerned, if I refer here to a report made to me by Mr. Hilliard in the month of September last. It is a report of uncommon interest, and I only wish I could lay the whole of it before the Church. It is generally known that North Conway, a delightful village in the region of the White Mountains, has become a place of great summer resort to persons from different parts of the United States.

The number of strangers for two or three months, as I am informed, is sometimes as high as one thousand or twelve hundred. During the last summer Mr. Hilliard, himself a visitor, found on inquiry, among both visitors and permanent residents, that a desire was entertained by very many to have the worship of God celebrated according to the Liturgy of our Church. He at once commenced lay reading, and soon proceeded to collect and organize a Sunday School. In both of these particulars he found unexpected encouragement. The Sunday School of sixty children he left in the hands of village people, who promised to make every effort to continue it. Mostly by visitors, but partly by permanent residents, a sum was subscribed amounting to more than $150, which was to go to the support of a clergyman, if one could be obtained. But we have had no resources or opportunities by which we could make the addition which would be necessary for a clergyman's support. I have received no intelligence since the 23d of September. God grant the time may come when we can do something in that quarter. I take this opportunity to acknowledge our obligations to these two Christian brethren, who, while belonging to another Diocese, showed so ready a mind for useful labors here.

August 16. I attended the Annual Commencement of Norwich University. It was an occasion of uncommon interest.

August 18. I gave a Letter Dimissory to the Diocese of Massachusetts in favor of the Rev. John L. Watson, D. D., Chaplain in the Navy of the United States. I transferred this long-esteemed friend with much regret.

August 26, *Sunday*. I visited St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton, preached and administered the holy Communion—the Rev. Mr. Ludlum, whom I had the pleasure to meet here, reading Morning Prayer and assisting in the Communion. This old Parish is still destitute of a Pastor. It is painful to think how much greater its losses have been than its gains. How is this? is a question which my mind has long dwelt upon with grief; and I scarcely would take the responsibility of expressing a judgment. The Rev. Robert G. Chase, of Philadelphia, spent two or three Sundays here in the summer, very much to the refreshment of the people. Kind services have also been rendered by the Rev. Messrs. Coit and F. Chase, of St. Paul's School.

August 27, *evening*. I confirmed two persons in the Chapel of St. Paul's School, and addressed the boys of the school generally. The Rev. Francis T. Russell, of Connecticut, assisted in Evening Prayer.

August 28. The Trustees of St. Paul's School held their annual meeting, at which, *ex officio*, I presided. The school, in all its interests and operations, was found to be prosperous and useful in the highest degree. I take pleasure in saying that the Rev. Fred. D. Huntington, D. D., of Massachusetts, was chosen a Trustee to fill a vacancy. And here I wish to mention gratefully a new proof

of the munificence of the founder. From the first conception of the plan it has been his desire to make the buildings as perfect as possible for the purposes of the Institution. Important additions and modifications have, from time to time, been made. Still further extension seems to be necessary; and for this purpose the founder has passed over to the Treasurer the generous sum of $5,000, which, in favoring times, will be duly applied. Three days of this week were employed in a general examination of the school. Nothing could be more satisfactory. The teaching here is very thorough.

While I am speaking of this school I beg to express my sensibility to the loss sustained by the Corporation in the death of its Treasurer, George Minot, Esq. That gentleman had entered with great energy and kindness into our designs, and we had begun to realize the importance to us of his eminent business talents, when, on the 8th of March, 1861, very suddenly, he departed this life. I desire to record my grateful sense of the cheerful readiness with which he did for us all he could.

September 11. Received notice from Bishop Meade of the suspension for six months of the Rev. G. W. Mayer, Deacon.

As I leave the month of September I am reminded to call your attention to a piece of Church work, to which I now look back with peculiar satisfaction and with much thankfulness to God. It had been made known to me, by a clerical friend during the summer, that the Rev. Prof. Fuller, of Berkeley Institute, in the Diocese of Connecticut, was desirous to give a month of his vacation to the service of the Church at such new point as I might indicate in the interior of this Diocese. I cannot but regard it as a most singular providence that, while I was thinking how we might appropriate the kindness of this offer, I received a letter from an esteemed churchman in Lancaster, begging me, if possible, to send a clergyman for a few Sundays to that beautiful county town. I decided at once to request Dr. Fuller to go there. To this he at once assented. There was another thing providentially favorable to our purposes, of which I would here make grateful mention. The Rev. Mr. Fay, pastor of the Congregational Church, having made arrangements to be absent all the month of September, very kindly and courteously offered to our Missionary the free and unconditioned use of his house of worship, with the congregation as they might be disposed to attend; it being understood that Dr. Fuller would, in all respects, follow the usages of our Church. An offer so obligingly and so gracefully made could not be declined. The report of Dr. Fuller is one of great interest, and I wish I could insert the whole of it in this Address. Portions of it I must insert, as they will interest all.

Dr. Fuller was there four Sundays. He says the congregation at the day services was considered fully equal in numbers to that usually assembling in the same place. The evening lectures, which were on the peculiarities of our Church, were attended by about

fifty persons. He visited in many families, and sought opportunities to converse freely concerning Christ and the Church, and was pleased to find a remarkable freedom from prejudice and a willingness to hear. He says, "It is very important that this place should be made, certainly by another spring, a Missionary station of our General Domestic Committee. The Missionary should be stationed at Lancaster, but should, during the week, itinerate throughout this region in order to find out the poor and suffering members of the Church of England and Ireland, in this region quite numerous, as well as to diffuse information generally by preaching, books and tracts. I consider it a great privilege to have been permitted by the Lord of the harvest to act as his minister in this place, even for so short a space of time, and I pray Him graciously to accept and greatly to bless my imperfect labors." On the last of the four Sundays our unwearied and efficient Missionary had a Baptism, and administered the holy Communion to a number of persons, of whom six were professedly of our Church.

October 8. On request of the Rev. Joshua R. Peirce, I gave consent, though with deep regret and with declared objections, to his resigning the Rectorship of St. Mark's Church, Holderness. When I considered the cheerful submission of the people to his taste as to the style of their new building, and their confidence in him as able to raise the necessary means for carrying out a favorite plan of his own, and the disheartening disappointment they would feel on so sudden a change, I could not approve the resignation, though on general grounds I gave it my official sanction. It was a critical time for such a change to take place in the Parish. I did not then know how much the actual work on the building had been carried beyond the resources provided. Afterwards I learned from the builder, who is, I think, a Warden, that the debt on building account amounted to nearly or quite eleven hundred dollars. The building, as I am informed, is now under a mortgage for the sum of six hundred dollars, with a floating debt of about five hundred dollars. The people, of course, cannot offer it for Consecration, encumbered as it is. In this state of things the Rev. Dexter Potter has, with great devotion and Christian liberality, taken charge of the Parish, and is fully purposed to learn, by laboring himself, whether the good and gracious Lord has a blessing in store for that interesting field. If relief should be solicited for this Parish, either by its Rector or by any authorized agent, I most earnestly bespeak the favor of the liberal friends of the Church in its behalf.

October 10. I attended the annual meeting of the General Board of Missions at New Haven, Conn., and now desire to make my acknowledgments for kind and hospitable attentions received from the Rector and Wardens of St. Paul's Church, more especially from Mrs. L. Smith, at whose house I staid.

October 21, *Sunday*. I visited St. Thomas' Church, Hanover, and preached twice, the Rev. Dr. Bourns reading Prayers. I see here no material change since my last visitation. Though the day

was very unfavorable we had a good, and, as always, an attentive congregation. This Church has an admirable quartette choir. The music is executed with great taste and effect. After much deliberation we have decided to proceed at once with the remodeling and repairing of the Church edifice. For this purpose we have now in hand or bank nearly one thousand dollars. It is intended to do the more necessary things first, and stop when our means are exhausted. And here I would make grateful mention of the fact that I have received the donation proffered for this work by the Right Honorable the Earl of Dartmouth, amounting to $466.67.

October 25. On request I gave a Letter Dimissory to the Rev. Joshua R. Peirce to the Diocese of Massachusetts.

October 26. I again visited St. James' Church, Keene, preached, and confirmed one person in a case of sickness. This Church, under the ministry of the Rev. Mr. Renouf, is enjoying the blessing of God. Although I anticipate the order of dates it may be best to add, in this connection, that I found it convenient to visit this Church again on the 11th of April last, when I preached, and confirmed four persons. This makes twenty confirmed here since the last Convention. A valuable lot has been purchased whereon to erect a Church, and consultation is now going on as to the style and character of the structure. Great reason have we to bless God for what he has done for us in this large and flourishing village. The time, I trust, is not distant, when we shall be permitted to indicate this as one of our strongest Parishes.

October 28, *Sunday.* I visited St. Luke's Church, Nashua; preached morning and afternoon, and confirmed four persons—two other candidates, not able to be present at this time, being afterwards confirmed at Manchester—making six in all. I could say in my journal at the time: "I have hopes that the spirits of our friends here are rising. No doubt is entertained by them or by myself that, if they had a Church edifice, it would fill up at once, and soon be self-supporting. There appears to have been in some minds a tendency to discouragement. I tried to counteract this, and hope I was in some measure successful." Since my visit the Rev. Mr. Perry, much to my regret and that of the people, has resigned the Rectorship of this Church. I pray that the proceeding may not operate to its serious disadvantage. I have reason to hope the vacancy will not remain long unsupplied. Applications and letters of inquiry have been very numerous.

October 30. I attended a special meeting of the Trustees of St. Paul's School at the house of our ever-honored benefactor, in Boston. Measures were discussed and decided upon for an extension of both domestic and academic accommodations by the erection of a building, in which might be provided a School Room, Recitation Rooms, Dormitories, &c., sufficient for the accommodation of all the pupils we should ever wish to receive. In addition to the large sum before mentioned, given us for the purpose just now mentioned, Dr. Shattuck has presented us with a valuable estate, adjoining our

previous domain (known pleasantly as *Shuting Lodge*, from the name of the former owner), at a cost to himself of $1,800. This property, consisting of a dwelling-house and twenty acres of land, is an exceedingly valuable acquisition, and leaves nothing more to be desired on the score of real estate.

November 1—*All Saints.* I attended divine service at the Church of the Advent in Boston, and consecrated the elements for the holy Communion. At night preached in the same Church.

November 4, *Sunday.* In compliance with the special request of the Rev. Dr. Huntington, I officiated in the Hall occupied by the new congregation of Emmanuel Church, Boston. I read service morning and afternoon, administered the holy Communion, and preached twice. I scarcely remember when I have enjoyed a day of holy service more. Dr. H. was doing missionary duty out of the city, and my Church at Claremont was supplied by the Rev. Dexter Potter.

November 7. I visited St. Thomas' Church, Dover, preached, and confirmed four persons—the Rev. Mr. Salter reading Prayers. In this Church an important change is taking place. Its second Rector, the Rev. Mr. Salter, after many years of service, has resigned the Rectorship and accepted an appointment as Chaplain in the Navy of the United States. I am happy to learn that our reverend brother intends still to retain his connection with the Diocese. His resignation is to take effect the beginning of July. Measures, I think, are in progress, which will supply the vacancy in due time. This is one of our best parishes. May God give it a pastor who, through grace, shall prepare many souls for the kingdom of heaven, and may the late Rector still find opportunities for eminent usefulness in the new and interesting sphere to which he goes.

December 4. On this day I consecrated the new and beautiful Church in Manchester to the worship and service of Almighty God, under the name of Grace Church, this name being preferred by the people to the old name of St. Michael's. The weather was favorable and all things proceeded happily, the congregation filling the Church, and a goodly number of clergymen bearing parts in the service. From Massachusetts there were present the Rev. Drs. Edson and Huntington, Rev. Messrs. Packard, Colburn and Homer; from New Hampshire, the Rev. Messrs. Hubbard, Eames, Renouf, Chase and Perry. The 24th Psalm was chanted, alternately by myself and the clergy, as we entered and passed up toward the altar. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Huntington, of Boston, and as respects matter, style and impressive delivery, was a discourse seldom equaled. It is an occasion of joy and thankfulness that so soon after that at Concord another so beautiful Church is given to the Diocese. To say that it was designed by Upjohn is to give assurance of its perfect purity and propriety in artistic and ecclesiastical character. Nor would I fail to speak in terms of commendation of the skill and fidelity of Mr. Gay, the builder. From what I learn, no contract was ever more faithfully fulfilled.

December 5. I visited St. Paul's Church, Concord, and preached, the Rev. Mr. Eames reading Evening Prayer. A very large class having been confirmed here a few months before, no candidates were presented at this time.

December 6. I scarcely remember a more interesting visit than one I made, in company with the Rev. Mr. Eames, to Sanbornton Bridge. We were hospitably entertained at the mansion of the Hon. Samuel Tilton, to whom, and his excellent lady, I feel greatly indebted. In the evening Mr. Eames read service and I preached, to a large and most attentive congregation. Responses exceedingly good; music very admirable indeed, even to chanting. Here is a most remarkable movement for the Church. Fifty families belonging to that beautiful village, which is partly in Sanbornton and partly in Northfield, had, at the time of my visit, decided for the Church, and twenty of the gentlemen had joined means and purchased of the Methodists a good and substantial building of brick, which they proposed to remodel on a liberal scale, and in all respects adapt to our service. On the 5th of January, 1861, I received notice, through the Clerk, of the organization of a Parish, under the name of the Parish of Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge. Three days after this I was informed that the Rev. Marcellus A. Herrick, of Woodstock, Vt., had been chosen Rector, and in due time I had the pleasure to learn that he had decided to accept the interesting charge. Through the kindness of the Committee of Domestic Missions he was at once placed on their list. Thus, under circumstances for which we cannot be too thankful, there is formed a strong Parish, which, in full working order, presents itself to this Convention. For most of this, under the divine blessing, we are indebted to the kind and wisely directed labors of the Rev. Mr. Eames.

December 21. Under this date I find the following entry in my journal, which I think it proper to transcribe here: "A day of distress and darkness in the affairs of our beloved country! The news comes by telegraph that yesterday, December 20, at fifteen minutes after one o'clock P. M., the State of South Carolina, by a Convention elected for that purpose, passed an ordinance of secession from the Union of these glorious States! May God remember us all in infinite mercy and compassion, for truly we need no less. Oh, how sadly have we forgotten Him in our pride and self-esteem; how confident in our own strength and greatness; how daring and unscrupulous we have been in the means we have used for acquiring power as a nation, and for hastening on great events! God is holy and wise, and will not have even good things done in an evil way. Is this a beginning of protracted sorrows to our land? Blessed be that precious faith, which assures us that the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

December 26. I adopted and recommended a special Prayer, to be used in the public services of the Church and in the devotions of the closet, in view of the distracted state of our country. Also,

the President of the United States having appointed the 4th of January for a day of fasting and prayer, I recommended that our Churches be opened for divine service on that day, and that the services be the same as that appointed for Ash Wednesday, with the special Collect before mentioned.

January 4, 1861. As noted in my journal: " A day of great solemnity throughout our country. I can truly say I never so felt the misery of human affairs and the nothingness of man in relation to God! When and how 'will God arise to judgment,' and put an end to this awful distraction? O my country, my country, God save thee!"

January 21. From the President of the Standing Committee of Alabama I received an official announcement of the death of the Rt. Rev. Nicholas Hamner Cobbs, D. D., Bishop of that Diocese, on the 11th day of this month. This eminently good man and able minister of the New Testament was next after myself in the order of succession, being consecrated to the holy office at the same time, and was very nearly of the same age. In the departure of this dearly loved friend and brother I hear a solemn call to be also ready, and to forewarn you, my brethren, that the time cannot be far distant when you must entertain the same question which now devolves on your brethren of Alabama.

March 2. As an encouragement to the people of St. Mark's Church, Holderness, to make an effort to pay their building debts, I have consented to pay the Rev. Dexter Potter, out of Diocesan funds, the sum of $200 for one year in addition to what the Parish shall pay him—he having it in charge. He proposes to commence with giving the liberal sum of $100 to building account. I cannot but hope the gracious Lord will grant his blessing.

March 11. Mr. Thomas G. Valpey, a Candidate for Orders in Connecticut, is transferred to this Diocese.

March 21. Received and accepted a Letter Dimissory from Massachusetts, transferring the Rev. Dexter Potter. Also, on the 23d, a like Letter from Vermont, transferring the Rev. Marcellus A. Herrick.

April 28, *Sunday*. I visited Grace Church, Plainfield; read Prayers and preached twice, and administered the holy Communion. It was the best congregation I have ever seen here. There were present, I think, nine resident Communicants. After the second service I drove six miles in a storm of rain to Trinity Church, Cornish, where I preached—the Rev. Mr. Douglass, of Windsor, whom I was happy to meet here, conducting Evening Prayer. My sermon was on " The dominion of God in the present crisis of our country."

April 30. The Rt. Rev. Benjamin Treadwell Onderdonk, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of New York, departed this life at the age of seventy years. *Tandem requiescit in pace*. Under circumstances of less pressure of engagements in the various departments of duty at this particular season, I would gladly have made any effort to be

present, as invited, at the obsequies of one towards whom, during almost two-score years of friendship, my respect and confidence were truly fraternal. Certain it is he has shown to the Church and the world a remarkable example of "suffering affliction and of patience." Though clouds settled down to the very horizon and plain of earthly prospects, yet by faith he saw a glorious sun beyond—and so he died in peace and hope.

May 1. I gave a Letter Dimissory to the Diocese of Maine in favor of the Rev. Wm. Stevens Perry, Presbyter.

May 11. By Letter Dimissory from Massachusetts I had the pleasure to receive into this Diocese the Rev. James H. Tyng. Mr. Tyng, I am happy to record, takes charge of St. Peter's Church, Drewsville, and will extend his labors, under some convenient arrangement, to Charlestown. This is a supply for which I am very thankful. Drewsville has been destitute of a Pastor for a long time. At no time, as I have reason to think, has there been a more willing liberality among the people than now. May the Lord pour them out a blessing. That Church is a centre, towards which a considerable population may conveniently gather.

It was near this date that I set forth a special Prayer, which I recommended to be used on occasions of public and private devotion, in reference to the state of civil war, now pressing as a horror and destroyer on our beloved country. The time had not come for divine wisdom to grant all we asked for in the former supplication. The Lord's hand is still heavier upon us, and the prayers of our faith must conform to the distress of our circumstances. May a spirit of holy and fervent prayer cover our whole land.

May 19—*Whitsunday*. I made the usual visitation to Union Church, Claremont, and preached—the Rev. Mr. Smith, the Rector, reading Evening Prayer. The congregation, I thought, was larger than I had usually seen there.

At a later hour on the same day I confirmed four persons in Trinity Church, of which I am Rector. These, with those of a previous occasion, make seven persons confirmed here since the last report.

May 27. On a visit to St. Paul's School, at Evening Prayer in the chapel, I confirmed six persons, making eight persons within the year. A sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Hubbard.

May 29. The Annual Confirmation in the Church where we are now assembled, has, by inadvertence, been appointed for the evening of this day. Regularly, it should have been held yesterday. The transaction, however, is to be considered as belonging to the last year.

Evening. In accordance with the above, Confirmation was administered in St. Paul's Church, Concord,—twelve persons receiving "the laying on of hands." A sermon was delivered by the Rev. M. A. Herrick, Rector of Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge.

On recommendation by the Standing Committee, Mr. William Schouler, Jun., is admitted a Candidate for Holy Orders.

A few things remain, to which I desire briefly to advert.

And the first is, our collections for Diocesan Missions. I do not think these have materially fallen off. The same Churches have for several years contributed about the same sums—though there are cases of increase, as this of St. Paul's, Concord. But in order that we may do the good, for which there are increasing opportunities, we need an increase in all our Churches. There never was a time when pecuniary means could be used with so much prospect of receiving the blessing of God in this Diocese as now. I could name many places where our Church would be hailed as the bearer of glad tidings, and our labors be accepted with joyfulness. It is my earnest desire and prayer that all our Churches, while they do their utmost for self-support, will do what they can for Church extension.

And here I would observe that the Itinerancy fund, which the Convention raised by a resolution three years ago and placed at my disposal, has enabled me to obtain for waste places much good service. The sums contributed—and I think it well to mention them here—have been as follows for three years: From St. Andrews', Hopkinton, $11; St. Luke's, Nashua, $5; Trinity, Claremont, $105.25; Mrs. Wm. Long, $25; St. Thomas', Dover, $25; Mrs. Olcott, $2; St. John's, Portsmouth, $60; St. Paul's School, $30; St. Paul's Church, Concord, $54.84; St. John's, Portsmouth, $20; amounting to $338.09. Of this sum, $201.42 has been expended for the purpose contemplated. This has been applied as follows:—At Keene, $81.22; at Ashuelot, $60; at Lancaster, $25; at Laconia, $5; at Sanbornton Bridge, $16; at Charlestown, $2; at Holderness, $7; at Hopkinton, $5.20; leaving unexpended, $136.67—or, including some interest which is expected, $155, nearly. Without this fund we should not now have at Keene a self-supporting Parish—which has become such by the liberality of the people and the exceeding liberality of the Rector. I had intended to apply a portion in Charlestown, but no sooner had we turned attention thither, than our friends there, with the kind aid of summer visitors in that beautiful village, took the matter out of our hands, and raised the means to engage the Rev. Andrew Oliver, for one service a month, which he has faithfully performed during the past year. At Laconia and Sanbornton Bridge, owing to the efficient and self-denying arrangements and labors of the Rev. Mr. Eames, there has been much excellent service, at small expense to our fund.

But I must not fail to call your attention to the General Board of Missions, and especially to the Treasury of the Domestic department. To that Treasury our Diocese is greatly indebted in the founding of new Churches and the strengthening of the feeble. Without its help we could not at present sustain our work at Nashua, Sanbornton Bridge, or Hanover. I hope and pray that none, yes, none of our Churches, will fail to make an annual collection, either at Advent, or at some other season.

Since writing the preceding part of this Address, I have received

an interesting report of useful labors performed by J. P. S. Otterson, Esq., whom I had licensed as a Lay Reader in the town of Wentworth. That gentleman has devoted much time and attention to the cause of religion as maintained and provided for in the Church, among the people around him. Aided by a donation of Prayer Books, Tracts, &c., from New York, he has been enabled to do much good by the public reading of Prayers and Sermons, and by getting the children interested in the studies proper to a Sunday School. If the Clergy could occasionally give a day there, at the charge of our Itinerancy purse, the labor, I am sure, would receive a blessing. Correspondence for the purpose might, to save time, be had directly with Mr. Otterson.

Since our last Convention fifty-five persons have been confirmed —one Corner-Stone for a Church laid—one Church consecrated—and we now have three candidates for Holy Orders, one of whom will be ordained by divine permission to-morrow.

And now, dear brethren, do you expect me, before I close, to say something of our country's trials? Alas! If "the Angels in Heaven know not the times and seasons," how shall man, "whose foundation is in the dust," speak with wisdom and knowledge amidst such clouds and darkness, as now envelope this long favored land? Thus far in the year we have been creating materials for a history, that will be read with amazement down to the end of time. Issues have commenced, whose vastness man's mind can neither measure nor conceive. And we all feel that the birth of events still more terrible may be hourly expected. In what way the Lord is leading us we know not now. But let faith sustain us, when we think that "His hand is not shortened that it cannot save, nor His ear heavy that it cannot hear." I can truly say I never so felt the preciousness of the privilege of prayer, as at this season. Apparently, the time never was, when there was more need that "great grace be upon us all," whether as Christians or as members of a wide-spread political State. But let us remember that this great grace is needed, not to comfort and assure us only, but to fit us for great duties. And great duties are unquestionably before us. I cannot but mourn when I look at the tokens in our land—when I read the hand-writing of God's providence calling us to contemplate the awful alternative—for such it truly is—of perpetual demoralization and anarchy on the one hand, or, on the other, the maintenance of Government by all the power that can be called forth from loyal and patriotic hearts, and from the vast resources of a long prospered country. "God is our strength and shield,—and in God be our trust," that, as we are faithful in duty to Him and to men, so the sooner will glory again be in our land.

CARLTON CHASE.

The certificate of organization of Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge, was presented, as follows:

I hereby certify that Bradbury T. Brown, Asa P. Cate, Joseph P. Dearborn, Charles A. Gile, James Earnshaw, James S. Morrison, and their associates, have associated themselves together as a religious society, under the laws of this State, by written articles of agreement, for the purpose of maintaining and enjoying religious worship, in accordance with the usages of the Protestant Episcopal Church, under the name of Trinity Church, of Northfield and Sanbornton; that they have chosen a clerk, who has been duly sworn, have recorded their names, intentions and proceedings in a book of records kept by said clerk, and have taken all the steps necessary to become a body politic and corporate, agreeably to the laws of the State of New Hampshire.

CHARLES C. ROGERS,

Sanbornton Bridge, May 27, 1861. Parish Clerk.

The Bishop signified his approval, as required by Canon, and

On motion, Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge, was admitted into Union with this Convention.

Bradbury T. Brown,* Asa P. Cate,* and R. G. L. Bartlett,* were admitted to seats in the Convention, from Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge.

On motion, the Parochial Reports were presented and read. [See Appendix.]

The Reports of the Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund, and of the Convention, were called for and read, and, on motion, accepted and referred to the committee on Finance.

Rev. Mr. Salter, from the committee on Nominations, made the following

REPORT:

Standing Committee—Rev. Charles Burroughs, D. D., Rev. J. H. Eames, Rev. H. A. Coit, Wm. L. Foster, J. D. Watson, Horace A. Brown, Esqrs.

Delegates to the General Convention—Rev. Charles Burroughs, D. D., Rev. I. G. Hubbard, D. D., Rev. Jas. H. Eames, Rev. H. A. Coit, Joshua W. Peirce, David Davis, Charles A. Tufts, and Simeon Ide, Esqrs.

Treasurer of the Convention and of the Bishop's Fund—Justus D. Watson, Esq.

Preacher of the Missionary Sermon—Rev. Marcellus A. Herrick; substitute, Rev. H. A. Coit.

Preacher of the Convention Sermon—Rev. William A. Hitchcock; substitute, Rev. J. H. Eames.

T. G. SALTER,
EDWARD BOURNS, } For the Committee.

*Present.

The foregoing report having been read, the Convention proceeded to ballot, and elected the several gentlemen therein named to the positions assigned them by the committee.

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Hampshire be held in Grace Church, Manchester, on the last Wednesday of May, 1862, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Rev. Dr. Burroughs offered an amendment to Sec. 2 of the 6th Canon. Referred to committee on Constitution and Canons.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to procure the printing of 600 copies of the Journal of this Convention.

On motion, adjourned to meet in the evening after divine service.

Evening Prayer was read by Rev. Messrs. Hubbard and Coit, and a sermon preached by Rev. Mr. Herrick.

EVENING.

The Finance Committee, by the Rev. Mr. Renouf, presented the following

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Committee on Finance, having examined the Treasurer's Report with its accompanying vouchers, find it correct. As the assessments for the last year were higher than those for the year preceding, on account of extra printing and the expenses of the General Convention, they are prepared to recommend a considerable reduction in the sums assessed for the ensuing year, necessary to defray the expenses of the Convention. This reduction might be still greater were it not that allowance must be made for certain feeble parishes, which are apt to be in arrears, and that it is expedient that a small sum should remain in the Treasurer's hands to meet unexpected emergencies. Deficiencies in the payments to the fund for the Bishop's support, arising from a cause just before alluded to, render it necessary to increase by a very little the assessments for this object. The following schedules have been drawn up, after consulting with the Treasurer, for the expenses of the current Convention:

St. John's Church, Portsmouth,	$20.00
Union Church, Claremont,	12.00
Trinity Church, Claremont,	10.00
St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	7.00
St. Paul's Church, Concord,	9.00
Trinity Church, Cornish,	2.00
St. Peter's Church, Drewsville,	1.00
Grace Church, Plainfield,	1.00
St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	1.00
St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	1.00
Grace Church, Manchester,	8.00

St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	1.00
St. Luke's Church, Nashua,	1.00
St. James' Church, Keene,	1.00
	$75.00

ASSESSMENTS FOR THE BISHOP'S FUND.

St. John's Church, Portsmouth, (including tythes)	$96.00
Union Church, Claremont, (including tythes)	53.50
Trinity Church, Claremont,	29.00
St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	20.00
St. Paul's Church, Concord,	22.50
Trinity Church, Cornish,	7.00
St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	1.00
St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	1.00
Grace Church, Manchester,	23.00
St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	1.00
St. Luke's Church, Nashua,	1.00
St. James' Church, Keene,	2.00
Grace Church, Laconia,	1.00
Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge,	2.00
	$260.00

The above sums are to be paid into the treasury previous to January 1, 1862.

E. A. RENOUF, for the Committee.

On motion, the business of the Convention was suspended that the members might attend the meeting of the Board of Missions.

The Convention was again called to order and heard the following

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

To the Sixty-first Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New Hampshire:

The Standing Committee of the Diocese, through its Secretary, submits the following Report of its transactions during the past year.

At the Annual Convention of the Diocese held at St. Thomas' Church in Dover, on the 30th day of May, 1860, the Rev. James H. Eames, the Rev. Thomas G. Salter, the Rev. Henry A. Coit, William L. Foster, Justus D. Watson, and Albert R. Hatch, were elected the Standing Committee for the year then ensuing.

At a subsequent meeting of the Standing Committee held on the same day, the Rev. James H. Eames, was chosen President, and Wm. L. Foster, Secretary of the Committee.

During the past year the Committee have signed the testimonials of Ephraim L. Whitcome, and William Schouler, as candidates for Orders, and of Thomas G. Valpey, as candidate for the Diaconate. No other business has been brought before the Committee during the year.

WM. L. FOSTER, Secretary.

[The Rev. Wm. S. Perry, having removed from the Diocese, has tendered his resignation as Registrar of the Convention. His resignation, together with the following report, was received too late to lay before the Convention, and are here inserted without any action upon the same.]

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR.

During the past year numerous additions have been made to the files of Convention Journals in the possession of the Diocese, mainly in response to direct application, on the part of the Registrar, to the various Secretaries of the Conventions, and others, who had these documents in keeping. Through the kindness of the Rev. A. L. Baury, of Boston, the set of Massachusetts Journals has been made nearly complete. From the Rev. Wm. A. Matson, of Western New York, Journals have been received completing the files of that Diocese. The donations of the Rev. William C. French, of Ohio, and the Rev. James Pratt, of Chicago, deserve mention. Other contributions have been received anonymously; and, with these various additions to a collection of great value and extent at the start, the Diocese has but to continue the work of gathering together these fragmentary annals of Church history and progress, to secure a unique assortment of material for future students and inquirers.

The Registrar is again happy to report that no expense has accrued to the Diocese in the prosecution of these collections.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. STEVENS PERRY.

There being no further business, after prayers by the President, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

Attest: HORACE A. BROWN, Secretary.

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

TRINITY CHURCH, CLAREMONT.

RT. REV. CARLTON CHASE, D. D., RECTOR.

Baptisms: 4 adults; 8 children—12. Confirmed, 7. Communicants, 156. Marriages, 6. Funerals, 6. Connected with our Sunday School we have about 50 young persons and children. It is remarkable that in this Parish the number of children is small compared with that of adults. The Rector thinks he may with truth report the number of families as 90, without including numerous cases in which persons permanently at board, and portions of families, habitually attend Church. Easter collection for Diocesan Missions, $22; Sunday School Library, $15; Foreign Missions, $23; General Domestic Missions, $21; Payment to the Episcopal Fund, $26.50. At an expense of about $165 the Church has been furnished with gas fixtures, which are a great convenience.

The Rector, with a duty to the Diocese so urgent and often perplexing, feels with regret that at his age he cannot do justice to the wants and prospects of the Church in Claremont. It is desirable there should either be an assistant, or a Rector, who could give his whole mind and labors to its service and interests. The time for a change in some way cannot, according to ordinary providence, be very far distant.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, HANOVER.

REV. EDWARD BOURNS, L.L. D., MISSIONARY.

The condition of this Church is much the same as it was at this season last year. The services during the past year have been regularly maintained in conjunction with Norwich, Vt. The attendance has been quite as good as formerly, perhaps rather better. The people are slow to connect themselves permanently with us, though there have been some indications lately that this disinclination is thawing out. The congregation are as orderly and attentive as could be desired. A large proportion of them are young gentlemen, some connected with the college, and some not so. Our numbers, of course, fluctuate with the college terms and vacations; and the close of each year always takes away, among the graduates, some whom we are sorry to lose.

This season we suffer more than usual in this respect. Mr. Dow, who has

acted as our organist for fully four years, with great ability, regularity and kindness, has completed his studies, and goes out into the world to practice his profession as a physician. We are greatly indebted to him, and we wish him, most heartily, God speed. Our Bible Class have been, with some interruptions from illness, attentive and studious, and there seems good reason to hope that they will continue to be so, and that their number may increase.

We are now about to begin to repair and alter our Church building. We should have been glad to erect a new edifice, but we have not been able to procure sufficient funds. We trust that our improved external and material condition will promote our internal growth, and benefit us generally. Respectfully submitted.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CONCORD.

REV. J. H. EAMES, RECTOR.

Baptisms: adults, 5; infants, 9—14. Confirmations, 12. Marriages, 4. Burials, 5. Communicants, 134. Sunday School Scholars, 80. Teachers, 12. Domestic Missions, $5; Diocesan Missions, $45.30; Poor and other Parish expenditures, $96.14. From the above statistics it appears that God has blessed this Parish the past year even as He has blessed it during the years that are gone.

To Him the most devout acknowledgement of gratitude is due; for in Him alone has been our strength and to Him through His dear Son we owe all our prosperity. In our prosperity, however, we have been made to feel that it is not all light in this world—that there are shadows and darkness through which we must pass.

We realize this in the removal from our midst of one of our oldest communicants, who, though prevented by long continued sickness from co-operating with us in the outward duties of Parish work, yet, by her patient endurance, her trusting faith and her submissive spirit infused into our hearts new love and new vigor to *do* the Master's will.

Another, too, has gone, whose absence casts a shadow over the prosperity of our Parish, whom we miss and whom we mourn. One whose unobtrusive counsel in Parish matters, when sought, was ever found best. Whose practical wisdom was seldom at fault, and whose correct taste was ever acknowledged. To him—I think I may say without offence to others—we are *most* indebted for the beautiful Church in which we worship God, and I can never enter within its walls without feeling that, *though dead he speaketh* there. The loss of these, together with those "little ones" who have gone forth from us, we feel, and yet we trust in God that it is well with them and will be well with us.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH.

REV. WILLIAM A. HITCHCOCK, RECTOR.

Baptisms: adults, 3; infants, 24; total, 27. Communicants: added, 12; died and removed, 8; present number, 142. Marriages, 7. Burials, 13. Sunday School teachers, 22; scholars, 110. Sunday School library, number of volumes, 350; Parish library, number of volumes, 685. Contributions: Bishop's salary,

$33.75; Convention expenses, $18; Diocesan Missions, $37.13; Domestic Missions, $23.38; Foreign Missions, $39; Christmas collection for poor, $44.67; Communion alms, $111.76; Ladies' Missionary Society, $144.50; Sunday School collection, $15; total, $527.19.

Wardens: James P. Bartlett, Christopher C. Jackson; Treasurer, Joshua W. Pierce; Clerk, John W. Fernald.

GRACE CHURCH, MANCHESTER.

REV. I. G. HUBBARD, D. D., RECTOR.

Families, 84. Baptisms: infants, 10. Marriages, 3. Burials, 8. Communicants: added, 15; removed, 16; present number, 119. A goodly number of persons are awaiting confirmation. There have been contributed in Communion Alms, $89.46; Monthly Collections, $61.13; Special Donations, $40.77; Sunday School Collections, $72.61; total, $263.97. Distributed as follows: To Foreign Missions, $20; Domestic Missions, $10; Diocesan Missions, $10; Parish objects, $54.33: Font, purchased with children's offerings, $70.17; poor, $46.09; Church building, $10; Convention assessment, $9; Sunday School, books, &c., $14.80; Bishop's salary, $21.25; total, $265.64. Sunday School scholars, 70; teachers, 11. A Church of stone, capable of seating about 500 persons, has been built during the year, from designs by Richard Upjohn & Son. The pews are not sold but held by the Wardens and Vestrymen. Provision is made for the poor, by a number of pews being made forever free, and placed at the disposal of the Rector. Much assistance has been rendered in this Missionary enterprise by contributions from abroad. Indeed, without such aid the work could not have been accomplished. The Rector desires to acknowledge here, most gratefully, the uniform kindness and courtesy with which these donations have been made. The whole has been carefully and judiciously expended, and an accurate account rendered to a committee of the Parish. Many persons in the Parish have contributed very liberally to the same object, and the ladies have labored zealously and faithfully in the good work.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, HOLDERNESS.

REV. D. POTTER OFFICIATING.

My connection with this Parish commenced last Easter. The records of it being yet in the hands of the former Rector, I depend on his report for statistics to the time he left.

The Parish is $1100 in debt for its Church edifice, with interest on the same, increasing daily its indebtedness. This debt must be liquidated soon, or our Church will be sold and lost. I do not think it possible, at most, to raise more than $600 here for this purpose, and the balance must come from abroad, if the debt be paid, and the Church saved. Nothing can be done here, with much effect, for the increase of the parish, till this question is decided. I beg leave, therefore, to call to these facts the serious attention of the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese and the friends of the Church generally.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, NASHUA.

REV. WILLIAM STEVENS PERRY, LATE RECTOR.

Families, 30; Individuals, 138. Baptisms: adults, 1; infants, 4—5. Confirmed, 6. Communicants: added, 16; removed, 12; died, 2; present number, 45. Marriages, 5. Burials, 5. Sunday School Teachers, 6. Pupils, 30. Contributions: Communion alms, $41.30; Foreign Missions, $4; Domestic Missions, $5; Monthly offerings for Parish purposes, $22.98; Special Contributions, (objects within the Parish mainly) $129.75; for Church lot fund: Ladies' sale, about $175.00; Gentlemen's subscriptions paid in about $90.00; Ladies' subscriptions paid in about $75.00; total, $543.03. Libraries: Sunday School, 225 vols.; Parish, 100 vols. The Rev. W. S. Perry resigned the charge of the Parish April 30, 1861.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KEENE.

REV. EDWARD A. RENOUF, RECTOR.

Families, 38; individuals, 37; total, 155. Baptisms: adults, 5; children, 10; total, 15. Confirmed, 20. Communicants: added, 22; removed, 3; died, 2; present number, 36. Funerals: adults, 5; children, 3; total, 8. Public services: Sundays, 116; other days, 19; total, 135. The Holy Communion was publicly administered 16 times; privately, 4 times; total, 20. In addition to these, a weekly Bible Class was held at the house of the Rector, for five months, commencing in November, at which nine chapters of the book of Acts were explained and illustrated.

Following the plan of the last year, all contributions, excepting those of the Sunday School, have been made at the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and amount to $134.01, which have been expended as follows: Assessment for Expenses of last Diocesan Convention, $1.50; Assessment for the Salary of the Bishop, $1; Domestic Missions, $8.31; Foreign Missions, $7.26; Diocesan Missions, $10.65; total, $28.72. The balance of the collections is applied to the payment for the musical instrument used in our religious services, for which but a small debt is now owing.

Our Sunday School collections reach the sum of $17.53, and have been devoted to the purpose of erecting a Chapel at Nashotah. Sum total of contributions at the Holy Communion, and in Sunday School, $151.54.

But little change has taken place in our Sunday School since the last report. On the evening of the Feast of Holy Innocents, our Festival was held, when divers pleasant mementos of the season were bestowed upon the scholars, apparently to their complete satisfaction.

Last fall, a Ladies' Sewing Circle was instituted, whose meetings, usually held once a fortnight, are still continued. In the evening, the gentlemen of the congregation have met socially, with the members of the Circle, at the houses of several Parishioners. We trust that the influence of the Church has been increased and extended by these meetings.

Measures have been taken, and are still progressing, towards the erection of a Church edifice, a work we hope to see accomplished, at no distant day.

The Bishop has favored us with three visits during the year. Twice have

classes for Confirmation been presented, and once a sick person was confirmed in private.

The Wardens are Messrs. Kittredge and Goodnow; M. T. Tottingham is Treasurer, and D. H. Woodward, Parish Clerk.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, DOVER.

REV. THOMAS G. SALTER, RECTOR.

Confirmed, 4. Communicants: added, 5; removed, 2; died, 1; present number, 60. Marriages, 4. Burials, 4. Contributions: Diocesan Purposes, $28; Alms, $23; American Bible Society, $21.26; African Mission, $14; Domestic Missions, through General Board, $20; To missionary direct, $18; Incidental Expenses of Parish and repairs of Church, $168; Total, $302.26. The condition of the Parish and of the Sunday School is very much as reported at the last Convention,—save some severe losses by death and removal. The Rector's official connection with the Parish ceases on the 1st of July ensuing, and he desires here to place upon record, the fact, that during a Pastorate of nearly 14 years, his relations with the Parish have ever been of the most agreeable and harmonious character, and his only source of regret is that he has not been more efficient and successful in "winning souls to Christ."

UNION CHURCH, CLAREMONT.

REV. HENRY S. SMITH, RECTOR.

Baptisms: adults, 1; children, 3—4. Communicants: added, 2; removed, 2; present number, 45. Burials, 5, 3 of which were not of the Parish. About 30 members are connected with the Sunday School. The catalogue of the Library contains over 300 volumes. Collections; For General Domestic Missions, $7; do. Foreign, $5; African, $6; Diocesan, $5; Alms, $9.35; Sunday School Books, $4.78. Liberal contributions were made to the Rector, at the New Year's visit of a goodly number of Parishioners.

In addition to the regular services of Union Church, the Rector held a third service at 5 o'clock, P. M., at Trinity Church, Cornish, on alternate Sundays, from June to September. The attendance on these services was generally good, though the Parish is small, and has been kept weak and low for many years, by the emigration of her sons; the prospects are now more encouraging, as several families have lately moved into the Parish, consisting of young people and children. If this venerable Church—in its early days a pioneer and missionary one—could now receive missionary aid, for a season, we might hope for its spiritual resuscitation, with the blessing of God.

TRINITY CHURCH, CORNISH.

Communicants, 10. Death, 1. Our Church, on account of our small number and feeble condition, remains without a stated pastor. Our privations, however, have not been quite so great as in previous years. The Rev. Henry S. Smith has held a 5 o'clock, P. M., service for us on several Sundays, and our

Bishop has this spring made us his usual visit. We are not, after all, so separated from christian privileges as our brethren in many feeble Parishes. Our nearness to Windsor renders it easy for several of our families to be quite regular in their attendance on divine service at St. Paul's Church.

For the Wardens.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, HOPKINTON.

Communicants, 33. The hope is indulged that measures are in progress for the supply of this Church.

GRACE CHURCH, PLAINFIELD.

Communicants, 12. We are not able to report much improvement in the condition of late years. Circumstances growing out of changes in the dwelling places and pursuits of men, while they may have built up other sections, have been unfavorable here. As respects the social means and privileges of grace, provided and enjoyed in the Church which we love, we have lived under sad privations through the year. The Bishop made us his usual visit on the last Sunday in April. We almost think we see some tokens of an improved state of things. We will, God helping us, do what we can. *For the Wardens.*

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, DREWSVILLE.

Communicants, 18. This Church is now supplied by the Rev. Jas. H. Tyng, who entered on the pastoral care early in May, and is expected to give a portion of his time and labors to Charlestown. For brightening prospects our hearts are thankful.

Report of the occasional services of the Rev. Charles Burroughs, D. D., *a resident of the Diocese.*

At our last Convention I was engaged in the regular performance of services at the Navy Yard, near Portsmouth, which was not then supplied with a Chaplain. I continued my services in that place till towards September, when a regular Chaplain was stationed there. On the following December I went to Boston, and resided there till the beginning of this present month of May. During my late residence in that city, I usually officiated there on Sundays. Occasionally I preached in some of the neighboring towns. Last March I delivered a "Price Lecture," at Trinity Church, at the request of the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D. Since my return to Portsmouth I have preached and administered the Communion at the Navy Yard.

During the past year I have attended two funerals; baptised three infants, and married two couples.

CHARLES BURROUGHS.

Portsmouth, N. H., May 27, 1861.

REPORT OF THE CHAPEL OF ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL, CONCORD.

Baptisms: adults, 6; infants, 1; total, 7. The undersigned has also baptised 1 infant in St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton. Confirmations, 8. Communicants: added, 9; removed, 9; present number, 17; to which, when the 6 persons recently confirmed are added, the whole number will be 23. The Sunday School since the beginning of the school year has been under the efficient charge of the Rev. Francis Chase, assisted by Mr. Jno. T. Wheeler, one of the masters in the School. Services have been held on all Sundays and holy-days of the Church. Contributions: Domestic Missions, $25; Foreign Missions, $10; Diocesan Missions, $15; Grace Church, Manchester, $120; St. Andrew's, Hopkinton, $20; St. Mark's, Holderness, $10.41; Sanbornton Bridge Mission, $12; St. Stephen's Mission, Boston, $8.60; St. Paul's Church, Centreville, N. Y., $25; Rev. Mr. Breck's Mission, Faribault, Minnesota, $64.32; St. Mark's Hospital, Cape Palmas, $24.32; to which should be added from the offertory on St. Paul's Day—deposited by the founder for purposes connected with the interests of the School, $50; total, $384.65. One funeral in Hopkinton has also been attended by the undersigned.

HENRY A. COIT.

The undersigned respectfully reports that he has been occupied during the past year, as heretofore, at St. Paul's School, in assisting the Rev. Mr. Coit in the duties of the School and Chapel.

July 26, 1860. Attended the funeral of Mr. Charles Inglish Newton, at East Concord.

Aug. 21. Attended the funeral of Mr. Jno. Leach, at Hopkinton.

The undersigned has also officiated at one marriage and two burials, which are reported by the Parishes in which they took place. He has also, as occasion offered, officiated in various other places in the State.

FRANCIS CHASE.

May, 1861.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Morning service of the Church shall be performed every day during the session of the Convention.

2. When the President takes the chair, he shall call the Convention to order, and every member shall remain in his seat, unless he rise to address the chair.

3. The President shall speak to points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convention by any member.

4. When the Convention is equally divided, the President shall decide the question by his vote; and when his vote, if given to the minority, shall make an equal division, it shall also be his duty to vote, and in such case the question shall be lost.

5. When a member is about to speak upon any question, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat and address himself to the President.

6. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

7. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention without leave, if he be able to attend.

8. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without leave of the Convention, nor more than once until every member wishing to speak shall have spoken.

9. Every member who shall be in the Convention when a question is put, shall give his vote, unless excused for special reasons before a division.

10. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President before being debated, and shall be reduced to writing, if so required by the President.

11. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone to a certain time, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely—which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged.

12. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order; that, and the motion to lay on the table, shall always be decided without debate.

13. When a motion has been decided in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member in the majority to move for a re-consideration thereof on the same day.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Towns.	Parishes.	Rectors.	Baptisms.			Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sund. Sch'ls.		Missionary Contributions.			Other contributions for religious purposes.
			Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Added.	Died or removed.	Present number.				Teachers.	Scholars.	Diocesan.	Domestic.	Foreign.	
Claremont,	Trinity,	Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D.,	8	4	12			156	7	6	6		50	$22.00	$21.00	$23.00	$206.50
Hanover,	St. Thomas',	Rev. Edward Bourns, LL. D.,															
Concord,	Chapel of St. Paul's Sch'l,	Rev. Henry A. Coit,	1	6	7	9	9	23	8					15.00	25.00	10.00	234.65
Concord,	St. Paul's,	Rev. J. H. Eames,	9	5	14			134	12	4	5	12	80	45.30	5.00		96.14
Sanbornton Bridge,	Trinity,	Rev. Marcellus A. Herrick,															
Portsmouth,	St. John's,	Rev. William A. Hitchcock,	24	3	27	12	8	142		7	13	22	110	37.13	23.38	39.00	427.68
Manchester,	Grace,	Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard, D. D.,	10			15	16	119		3	8	11	70	10.00	10.00	20.00	223.97
Holderness,	St. Mark's,	Rev. Dexter Potter,															
Nashua,	St. Luke's,	Vacant,	4	1	5	16	12	45	6	5	5	6	30		5.00	4.00	534.03
Keene,	St. James',	Rev. Edward A. Renouf,	10	5	15	22	5	36	20		8			10.65	8.31	7.26	125.32
Dover,	St. Thomas',	Rev. Thomas G. Salter,				5	3	60	4	4	4			28.00	38.00	14.00	232.26
Claremont,	Union,	Rev. Henry S. Smith,	3	1	4	2	2	45			5		30	5.00	7.00	11.00	14.30
Cornish,	Trinity,	Vacant,					1	10									
Hopkinton,	St. Andrews',	Vacant,	1				1	33			1						
Plainfield,	Grace,	Vacant,						12									
Walpole (Drewsville)	St. Peter's,	Rev. James H. Tyng,						18									
Laconia	Grace,	Vacant,															
			70	25	84	81	57	843	57	29	55	51	370	173.08	142.69	128.26	2,084.85

DIOCESE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

J. D. WATSON, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE BISHOP'S FUND. DR.

1860.	May 30.	To balance in hands of Treasurer,		$8.31
		To amount received of "Trustees of Donations," &c.,		200.00
		To amount received of the following Churches, as per assessment at last Convention, viz:		
		St. John's, Portsmouth,	$93.75	
		Union, Claremont,	51.25	
		Trinity, Claremont,	26.25	
		St. Thomas', Dover,	20.00	
		St. Paul's, Concord,	22.50	
		Grace, Manchester,	21.25	
		St. James', Keene,	1.00	
		St. Luke's, Nashua,	1.00	
		St. Thomas', Hanover,	1.00	
			$238.00	
		Balance due Treasurer,	3.69	

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1861.	May 29.	By amount paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Chase, his salary one year, to June 1, 1861,	$450.00
			$450.00 $450.00

Due from St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton, $1.00
" St. Mark's Church, Holderness, 1.00
" Trinity Church, Cornish, 10.00

Total, $12.00

Respectfully submitted,
JUSTUS D. WATSON, Treasurer.

Manchester, May 29, 1861.

DIOCESE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

J. D. WATSON, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE DIOCESE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE. DR.

1860.	May 30.	To balance per last report,		$14.89
	June 5.	Received from St. Peter's Church, Drewsville,		1.15
1861.	May 29.	To amount received from the following Parishes, as per assessments at last Convention, viz:		
		St. John's Church, Portsmouth,	$25.00	
		Union Church, Claremont,	13.00	
		Trinity Church, Claremont,	12.00	
		St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	8.00	
		St. Paul's Church, Concord,	10.00	
		St. Peter's Church, Drewsville,	1.50	
		St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	1.50	
		Grace Church, Manchester,	9.00	
		St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	1.50	

St. Luke's Church, Nashua,	1.50	
St. James' Church, Keene,	1.50	
	$100.54	
Balance due Treasurer,	$9.24	
1860.		Cr.
By amount paid Herman Cope, Treasurer of the General Convention, assessments on this Diocese,		39.75
By amount paid William Butterfield for printing 500 copies of Journal of Convention 1860, and 200 copies of Canons,		69.00
By amount paid postage, &c.,		1.03
	$109.78	$109.78
Remaining due from Grace Church, Plainfield,	$1.50	
" " St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	1.50	
" " Trinity Church, Cornish,	4.00	
		$7.00

Respectfully submitted,
J. D. WATSON, Treasurer.

Manchester, May 29, 1861.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

FRANCIS CHASE, Treasurer,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE BOARD OF DIOCESAN MISSIONS. Dr.

1860.	June 1,	To balance on hand,	$130.15
1861.	Mar. 5,	To check from P. C. Freeman, Agt. of Trustees of Donations,	25.00
	Apr. 3,	To cash from St. Paul's, Concord,	35.00
	" 8,	" " St. James', Keene,	10.65
	May 16,	" " St. John's, Portsmouth,	54.39
	" 19,	" " St. Paul's School Chapel,	15.00
	" 28,	" " Trinity, Claremont,	22.00
	" 29,	" " Convention Collection,	10.30
	" 29,	" " Children of Grace Church, Manchester,	10.00
			$312.49

			Cr.
1860.	Sept. 11,	By cash to Rev. W. S. Perry, on account of salary,	$46.00
	Nov. 16,	" " Rev. I. G. Hubbard, per Bishop's order,	75.00
1861.	March 5,	" " order of Rev. J. R. Peirce,	25.00
			$146.00
Balance on hand,			$166.49

FRANCIS CHASE,
Treasurer Board of Diocesan Missions.

Concord, N. H., May 31, 1861.

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CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIR E.

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Rev. EDWARD BOURNS, LL. D., Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Hanover.
Rev. CHARLES BURROUGHS, D. D., residing in Portsmouth.
Rev. FRANCIS CHASE, Assistant in St. Paul's School, Concord, and officiating in St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton.
Rev. HENRY A. COIT, Rector of St. Paul's School, Concord.
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Rev. MARCELLUS A. HERRICK, Rector of Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge.
Rev. WILLIAM A. HITCHCOCK.
Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, D. D., Rector of Grace Church, Manchester.
Rev. DEXTER POTTER, officiating at Laconia.
Rev. EDWARD A. RENOUF, Rector of St. James' Church, Keene.
Rev. THOMAS G. SALTER, Chaplain in the Navy of the United States.
Rev. HENRY S. SMITH, Rector of Union Church, Claremont.
Rev. JAMES H. TYNG, Minister of St. Peter's Church, Drewsville, and Missionary at Charlestown.
Rev. THOMAS G. VALPEY, Deacon, Teacher in St. Paul's School, Concord.

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Delegates to the General Convention.—Rev. JAMES H. EAMES, Rev. HENRY A. COIT, Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, Rev. MARCELLUS A. HERRICK, Col. DAVID DAVIS, SIMEON IDE, Esq., Hon. CHARLES A. TUFTS, WILLIAM P. WHEELER, Esq.

Provisional Deputies.—Rev. FRANCIS CHASE, Rev. EDWARD A. RENOUF, Rev. EDWARD M. GUSHEE, Rev. THOMAS F. DAVIES, JR., Hon. CHARLES H. PEASLEE, JUSTUS D. WATSON, O. A. CLOUGH, ALBERT R. HATCH, Esqs.

Board of Diocesan Missions.—THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, *ex officio*, Chairman, Claremont; Rev. FRANCIS CHASE, Secretary and Treasurer, Concord.

Nominated Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.—Rev. HENRY A. COIT, WILLIAM P. WHEELER, Esq.

Treasurer of the Convention.—JUSTUS D. WATSON, Esq., Manchester.

Secretary of the Convention.—HORACE A. BROWN, Concord.

Registrar of the Convention.—Rev. HENRY A. COIT, Concord.

PROCEEDINGS.

GRACE CHURCH, MANCHESTER,
Wednesday, May 28, 1862.

This being the day fixed by the Constitution for holding the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Hampshire, the Right Reverend CARLTON CHASE, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, with a number of the Clergy and Laity, assembled in the City of Manchester, agreeably to a resolution passed at the Sixty-first Annual Convention of said Church, held at the City of Concord, May, 1861.

The first service connected with the Convention was held on Tuesday evening, when the Rev. MARCELLUS A. HERRICK preached the Annual Missionary Sermon, Evening Prayer being read by the Rev. J. H. EAMES, of Concord.

The Convention was called to order on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, by the Rt. Rev. President, the Bishop of the Diocese.

The Bishop laid upon the Secretary's table a list of the Clergy of the Diocese, canonically members of the Convention, which being called, the following answered to their names and took seats in the Convention :—

Rt. Rev. CARLTON CHASE, D. D.;
Rev. DAVID F. BANKS;
Rev. FRANCIS CHASE;
Rev. HENRY A. COIT;
Rev. THOMAS F. DAVIES, JR.;
Rev. JAMES H. EAMES;

Rev. EDWARD M. GUSHEE;
Rev. MARCELLUS A. HERRICK;
Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, D. D.;
Rev. DEXTER POTTER;
Rev. EDWARD A. RENOUF.

On motion, the certificates of Lay Delegates were presented and referred to a committee consisting of Rev. I. G. HUBBARD and ALBERT R. HATCH, Esq., who subsequently reported the following persons as entitled to seats in the Convention:—

St. John's Church, Portsmouth,.....	Joshua W. Pierce,
	* Charles H. Peaslee,
	* Albert R. Hatch.
St. James' Church, Keene,..	* William P. Wheeler,
	D. Henshaw Ward,
	Thomas B. Kittridge.
Trinity Church, Claremont,.....	* Arnold Briggs,
	Simeon Ide,
	* Henry Fitch.
St. Paul's Church, Concord,.....	* Matthew Harvey,
	* O. A. Clough,
	Oliver L. Sanborn.
St. Luke's Church, Nashua,.....	* J. P. S. Otterson,
	C. Cunningham,
	T. H. Gibby,
Grace Church, Manchester,.....	* T. W. Little.
	* Justus D. Watson,
	* Thomas Hoit.
St. Thomas' Church, Dover,.....	* Charles A. Tufts,
	* George F. Rollins,
	* Byron W. Watson.
St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,.....	* Horace Chase,
	* Frederick W. Stanwood,
	William Restieaux.
Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge,....	* Jonathan Ware Butterfield,
	* John F. Taylor.
† St. Philip's Church, Epping,.	Charles M. Norris,
	* George E. Lawrence,
	* Horace C. Bacon.

The report was accepted, and the roll having been called, delegates present were admitted to seats in the Convention.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to choose a Secretary, and HORACE A. BROWN, of Concord, was unanimously re-elected.

* Present. † See report of Committee on New Parishes.

Resolved, That clergymen officiating in this Diocese, not canonically members of this Convention, and clergymen of other Dioceses, and candidates for Orders, who may be present, be admitted to seats in this Convention.

On motion, the Rules of Order for last year were adopted for the government of this Convention. [See Appendix.]

The President announced the following Committees:

On Finance—Rev. E. A. Renouf, Mr. Arnold Briggs, Mr. J. P. S. Otterson.

On Constitution and Canons—Rev. James H. Eames, Rev. M. A. Herrick, Hon. C. H. Peaslee.

On New Parishes—Rev. Dr. Hubbard, Mr. O. A. Clough, Hon. M. Harvey.

The Committee on New Parishes made the following report:—

The Committee on New Parishes respectfully report that they have examined the papers relating to the organization of St. Philip's Church, Epping, and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

I. G. HUBBARD,
MATTHEW HARVEY,
O. A. CLOUGH,
} Committee.

On motion, St. Philip's Church, Epping, was admitted into union with this Convention.

On motion, proceeded to choose a Registrar of the Convention, agreeably to Canon 19, and Rev. HENRY A. COIT was unanimously chosen.

The President appointed Rev. I. G. HUBBARD, D. D., Rev. J. H. EAMES, and HORACE A. BROWN a committee "to prepare a condensed report and tabular view of the state of the Church in this Diocese," agreeably to Canon 4.

On motion, adjourned to attend divine service, and to meet again at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Morning Prayer was read by Rev. Messrs. Davies and Banks.

The Convention Sermon was preached by Rev. J. H. Eames.

The Bishop, assisted by Rev. Dr. Hubbard and Rev. Mr. Davies, administered the Holy Communion.

3 O'CLOCK P. M.

Met agreeably to adjournment.

Roll called and minutes of the forenoon read and approved.

The Bishop then read his

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Beloved Brethren,

The Clergy and Laity of this Convention:

When I think of the unhappy state of our country, visited as it is in many quarters with a distress and anguish never before experienced, I cannot but feel deeply thankful, that our Churches in this Diocese, so far as appears, are in a condition of vigorous life and prosperity. The Lord has graciously helped us and "given us blessing out of Zion" in many ways. Our Churches have gained in numbers and strength,—and we have additional points of useful labor and encouraging success. For all his mercies may our hearts and voices show forth his praise.

May 30, 1861, being the day next following the last meeting of our Convention, I admitted to the Order of Deacons in the Chapel of St. Paul's School, Mr. Thomas G. Valpey. The sermon was delivered by myself. There were present thirteen clergymen — several of whom assisted in the solemnities of the occasion.

June 5. Received notice from Bp. McIlvaine of the deposition from the Ministry of Charles W. Fearns.

June 16. On special occasion I confirmed four persons in Trinity Church, Claremont, of which I am Rector.

July 19. By Letter Dimissory from Connecticut I received into this Diocese the Rev. David F. Banks, Deacon, who immediately formed an engagement with St. Luke's Church, Nashua.

July 24. Notice from the Bishop of New York of the deposition from the Ministry of Charles W. Bradley, Presbyter, and of George N. Monro, Deacon.

Aug. 5. I learned with much sorrow, that the Rt. Rev. Dr. Bowman, Assistant Bishop of Pennsylvania, died very suddenly on Saturday, the 3d of August. The circumstances of this afflictive providence were deeply and peculiarly affecting. The Bishop, it appears, had started from Pittsburgh to visit Churches in that part of the Diocese known as the "Oil District." While walking over a section of road impassable by the cars, alone with the great Master, whose "business he was about," he fell and expired. Of this eminently good and able man, it may be said, that he "adorned the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

Aug. 25. The kindness of the Rev. Dr. Bourns in giving me a Sunday in Trinity Church, enabled me to spend a day with the Rector of Union Church in Claremont. Prayers were read by him, and I preached morning and afternoon, to congregations numbering between seventy and eighty persons of all ages. I learn with much regret, that this parish, so amply endowed for the support of its

Rector, has not yet relieved itself from a state of debt. The effect of this is ill every way, and must be so more and more. I cannot but hope, that our brethren of that ancient parish will make a liberal effort, not only to prevent further increase of indebtedness, but to meet all existing obligations. Moderate subscriptions and contributions, from the hearts and hands of all the brethren, would in a very few years remove the burden. Endowment funds cannot, of course, be legally applied to, or invested in such liabilities. They must be met by the people sooner or later. The sooner, the better.

Aug. 27. I attended the annual meeting of the Trustees of St. Paul's School — also, the annual examination of the School, which occupied us three days. In all respects the Institution appeared to be in excellent condition. A finer set of boys in training I never knew. It was delightful to see the warm and buoyant heart of childhood so united with the mind and manners of early manhood, and to witness, on the part of the Rector and his assistants, such evidence of ability and faithfulness in the discharge of most momentous trusts, as left no occasion for suggestions of change. At this visit I confirmed four members of the School.

Sept. 8, *Sunday.* This day I gave to our Mission at Charlestown — where, meeting a congregation in the Town Hall, I read Prayers once and preached twice,— the Rev. Mr. Tyng, who was in charge of the Mission, reading Prayers in the afternoon — he having officiated in the morning in St. Peter's Church, Drewsville. This had been a day of pleasant anticipations to me ; nor was I disappointed. The congregation in the morning consisted of 70 persons ; in the afternoon, of between 80 and 90. There was a large proportion of persons "grounded and settled" as Episcopalians, and the responses were well sustained throughout. I hope I am not chargeable with disrespect towards people who have not so learned Christ as to love the more excellent way of the Church, when I say, it was very encouraging to have a congregation of 70 at the same time with the other meetings in the village.

It was near this date that I received a very interesting letter from Mr. S. H. Hilliard, a gentleman whom I had licensed as a Lay Reader at North Conway, giving an account of his very useful labors in that capacity during the months of July and August. Among the visitors in that salubrious region of the mountains were found a large number of Episcopalians, who, with some permanent residents, entered cordially into the plans of Mr. Hilliard for sustaining the services of the Church, and for collecting and conducting a Sunday School. Among the visitors of the season were several clergymen, who kindly lent their aid to the good work—the Rev. Drs. Mason, of Boston, Pratt, of Chicago, and Cooper, of Philadelphia, and the Rev. Messrs. Strong and Richards, of Massachusetts. "On the 4th Sunday in August," reports the Reader, holy service was made complete by the addition of the Communion, which was administered by the Rev. Dr. Mason and the Rev. Mr. Richards. The presence of a good congregation and of about fifty

Communicants made the occasion a very encouraging and joyous one to all present." I cannot but regret most painfully, that in the present state of the country we have not and are not likely to have the means to follow up those useful labors and most pleasing prospects. God grant the time may not be far distant when something can be done. In the mean time we owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Hilliard, who, I think, is a candidate for Holy Orders in another Diocese, for his disinterested and unwearied labors there during two summers.

October 2. I visited St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton, preached, and confirmed one person. The Rev. Francis Chase, Minister in charge, conducting the music, while the Rev. N. F. Ludlum, now of Maine, read Prayers. The congregation consisted of 40 persons, which was a fair number for the time and the circumstances of the place. There is reason to hope, that this parish, once considerable for numbers and strength, is in some measure reviving. During the last year it has sustained very affecting losses by death.

On the following day, in the presence of a large assemblage in the same Church, I joined two persons in holy Matrimony.

October 5. I communicated to the Wardens and Vestry of St. John's Church, Portsmouth, my concurrence in the resignation of the Rectorship by the Rev. Mr. Hitchcock. This severance of a happy and useful connection,— a severance, which I could not sanction but with sincere regret — had, in the opinion of the physicians become necessary to the health of Mrs. Hitchcock. The resignation was to take effect on the first of November.

October 9, 10, 11. I attended the Annual meeting of the General Board of Missions in the City of Philadelphia. Thirteen Bishops were present, and a large number of Clerical and Lay members. The meeting was one of uncommon interest. For the first time in the general concerns of the Church we missed the presence and the welcome greetings of our brethren belonging to the States which claim to have seceded from the Union. Laden with peace offerings to God, may they " come again with joy."

October 16. I received from the Bishop of Rhode Island a Letter Dimissory in favor of the Rev. Edward M. Gushee, Deacon, who had previously been invited to St. Thomas' Church, Dover.

October 22. I visited St. James Church, Keene, preached, and confirmed five persons. Divine service was held in the evening, with a good congregation — Prayers being read by the Rev. Mr. Renouf. I may as well state in this connection, that by particular request I made another visit here on the 10th of April last, being the day of the customary State Fast, preached, and confirmed one person. The principal object of the visit was to consult about the building of a Church. Until this is effected there seems to be little probability of much further growth. There prevails an excellent spirit,— and I cannot but hope that the time is at hand for the accomplishment of so important a work.

Our prospects at Ashuelot, at one time so encouraging, are all

dashed and lost. It may be a long time before that place can revive to any considerable extent. The burning of the Mills was its destruction. I regarded this as a sort of outpost of Keene. From Keene I proceeded,

October 23. To Nashua, where at the Railroad Station I found the Rev. Mr. Banks awaiting my arrival. In the evening of the same day I preached, and confirmed one person. For a week-day evening we had a good congregation. Mr Banks having been in the work only about three months, no remarkable changes in condition, temporal or spiritual, were to be expected. One thing struck me as very evident — that he had made a good beginning, and was laying a foundation for eminent usefulness. I was thankful to find that in the minds of all, minister and people, there was a settled and prevailing purpose to proceed at once to the erection of a Church. I could plainly perceive that this purpose, so righteous and so inspiriting of itself, had already given new vigor and brought fresh strength to the parish. The Convention may be surprised and gladdened to learn that, by the blessing of God on earnest and faithful endeavors, a Church is near completion — and what I take peculiar pleasure in adding, not a dollar of its cost will remain unpaid. We shall probably be called to consecrate it within a very few weeks. On that occasion I shall hope to meet my brethren of the Clergy in Convocation. With our few self-supporting parishes, this, I am assured, will soon be numbered.

October 24. I proceeded to Manchester, and in the evening preached, and confirmed six persons—of whom one received the rite in a chamber of sickness. This Church, which has laid aside the name of St. Michæl's and assumed that of Grace, continues to prosper under the blessing of the Great Master. The Sunday School is an admirable model. Each class has a name, and each appears to be instructed and drilled most thoroughly.

October 25. I visited St. Paul's Church, Concord, and preached to a large congregation, after Evening Prayer read by the Rev. Messrs. Eames and Coit. Considering the unusual number confirmed in the month of May, I did not expect to find so soon another class. This parish also, is in a gratifying state of prosperity — frequent additions being made to its strength. I cannot think of its history for the last four or five years without a profound and most grateful conception of what God hath wrought. With a new, beautiful, and costly Temple for holy worship, and a large increase in the number of worshippers, it is now, under the Lord's favor, entirely self-supporting.

October 26. I reached Dover, where I was received very cordially by the Rev. Mr. Gushee, who had arranged to put me on the hospitality of his own host, a very worthy and intelligent Baptist — an arrangement with which I had every reason to be content. On the following day, Oct. 27, being Sunday, I preached three times, and confirmed three persons — Mr. Gushee reading Prayers. Mr. Gushee was then a Deacon, and was laboring with

much efficiency and success. The Sunday School I found to be large, and prosperous to a high degree. I take pleasure in adding that the family of the Rev. Mr. Salter still resides here, while he is on duty as Chaplain in the Navy of the United States. On the whole, our brethren here have reason to thank God for the past, and take courage for the future.

October 28. I visited St. John's Church, Portsmouth, preached, and confirmed sixteen persons — the Rev. Mr. Hitchcock reading Prayers. This parish is passing through one of those changes, which try the faith, firmness, and consistency of people in a peculiar manner. Mr. Hitchcock's resignation was to take effect on the first day of November. The Rev. Thomas F. Davies, Jr., of the Diocese of Connecticut, as I learned informally, had been chosen Rector, and was expected to enter on his duties at Easter. The late Rector was a faithful and laborious pastor,— and no dissatisfaction on either part appears to have occasioned his resignation. This was called for in the opinion of physicians, by circumstances in the health of his family. I desire to acknowledge here the kind hospitality of Mr. Charles H. Ladd, to whom and his excellent wife I feel much indebted. Since writing as above, I am informed by the Rev. Mr. Davies, under date of Monday in Easter Week, that he has accepted the Rectorship of St. John's and entered on the discharge of his duties. And I am now happy to add, that having been regularly transferred to this Diocese, he is present as member of this Convention.

October 29. At 4 o'clock P. M. I took the Concord train and reached Franklin a little after 9, where I found a gentleman prepared to take me over, 4 miles, to Sanbornton Bridge. There, at the comfortable home of the Rev. Mr. Herrick, I met the Rev. Dr. Hubbard, who had preached that evening in the new Church.

October 30, *Wednesday*. I consecrated Trinity Church, there being present and assisting in the services, the Reverend Brethren Eames, who preached the sermon, Hubbard, Potter, Renouf, F. Chase, and the Rector. This was a day of uncommon interest in the history of the Diocese. For a parish not one year old in organization, with a Rector at its head, we were called to consecrate a Church edifice, which in appropriateness of arrangement, and beauty of finish will compare favorably with the best of our Churches. It was with much satisfaction I learned, that there remained no embarrassing debt. For what the Lord has done for his Church here, let us, brethren, be devoutly thankful. Three persons were confirmed.

November 6. I visited St. Peter's Church, Drewsville — preached afternoon and evening, and confirmed three persons — the Rev. Jas. H. Tyng, Rector, reading Prayers. The congregation was larger than I have seen here on a week day in a long time. It was a pleasure to me to witness a revival of vigor in this parish under the ministry of Mr. Tyng. A portion of his time and labors is given to Charlestown, where there are tokens of a good future to the Church.

November 16. I trust I need make no excuse for recording here an afflictive dispensation of God's providence towards myself and family. At the date just mentioned, departed this life, in joyful hope of passing to a higher life in Christ, my daughter Eleanor Carlile, the wife of Dr. Geo. M. Morse of Clinton, Mass. She had attained the age of forty years. It is a comfort to us to remember the faith and patience with which she bore her sufferings, and the peaceful submission with which she prepared for and received the Saviour's summons.

December 5. By letter to the Presiding Bishop I gave my cordial consent to the Consecration of the Rev. William Bacon Stevens, D. D., to the office of Assistant Bishop of Pennsylvania.

December 19. I received from the Rt. Rev. Bishop Clark of Rhode Island a certificate of his having, on the 17th December, at my request, ordained to the Priesthood the Rev. Edward Manning Gushee, Rector elect of St. Thomas' Church, Dover. This was a particular kindness of Bishop Clark, it not being convenient for me to hold an ordination so soon as seemed desirable for the good of the Church at Dover.

January 21, 1862. Notice from the Bishop of Wisconsin, of the deposition from the Ministry of John R. Thompson.

January 29. I learned at this date, with much satisfaction, by a certificate from the Wardens of St. Mark's Church, Holderness, that the Rev. Mr. Potter had been successful in obtaining means to pay their large building debt. The sum collected by him, through much patience, from subscriptions and otherwise, is stated to be $1109. The parish, I trust, are duly grateful to him and to our Christian brethren and friends for the liberal gifts, by which their burden has been removed. An appointment, which I made for a visitation to this parish in the month of October last, was withdrawn at the request of the Rector. I fear it will be long before this parish will be able, unaided, to give a sufficient support to a minister. It is much to be desired, that some neighboring village could be joined with it for that purpose.

February 18. Notice from the Bishop of Massachusetts of the deposition from the Ministry of William A. Leach.

April 22. Tuesday in Easter Week — I visited St. Thomas' Church, Hanover, preached, and confirmed three persons. During Evening Prayer, which was read by the Rev. Dr. Bourns, he administered Baptism to two ladies. The repairs and alterations in this Church, which were commenced about a year ago, are at length completed, and the effect is very beautiful indeed. As you enter in front you behold not, as once, a simple unmeaning shelter from the elements, but you behold the arrangements, the appurtenances and the finish of a structure, which significantly reports itself to be a Christian Church. The interior is truly an appropriate and elegant model of a Country Church — and the exterior is much improved. The ladies of the parish deserve our grateful consideration for their unwearied industry in the tasteful furnishing of the

Church. Owing to a mistake on the part of the chief workman in the rendering of accounts at a certain stage of the work,— from which mistake it appeared, that more improvements could be made by means in hand, than had been supposed possible, and which were at once proceeded with and effected, and now constitute essential features in the work, there is needed the sum of one hundred and sixty dollars to discharge all liabilities. I cannot but hope this sum will ere long come in from cheerful givers, and that it will not be necessary for me or an agent to go begging at large. The importance of an attractive Church near Dartmouth College must be obvious to every one. The whole cost is, I think, not far from $1400. If it will encourage brethren, Lay or Clerical, to try their own ability at giving, I am willing to risk the imputation of vanity by stating that I have myself given $50 to the building account. I intend at a convenient time to give the names of all contributors. The subject ought not to be dismissed without an acknowledgement of our obligations to two gentlemen of the parish, Dr. Thomas R. Crosby and Mr. William Pardee, for their efficient and unremitting attention to the work. I dwell the more on the case of this Church, because it is in truth a matter of general concern. I omitted to say in the proper place, that the congregation at my visitation was larger than I had ever seen here, the music excellent, the responses well sustained, and the most perfect decorum observed in all things.

April 23. Intelligence reaches me that the Rt. Rev. William Meade, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, departed this life in the city of Richmond, on the 14th day of March last. He had, it appears, visited that city for the purpose of Consecrating a Bishop for Alabama — a proceeding in violation of the Constitution of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. Many are the hearts, which will sink in sorrow, when they learn, that among the last sayings of this venerable servant of Christ were these words —" I resisted secession at first, till circumstances made it unavoidable. I trust the South will persevere in separation." This change of mind in such a man, on such a subject, will probably stand recorded, in his own words, among the most unaccountable things pertaining to great and good men. They who knew the mental habits and the intense conscientiousness of this eminent individual, will never cease to wonder how a judgment, once deliberately formed by him, came to be so reversed. God grant we may never cease to revere the memory of one, whose name is so largely and so honorably connected with the rise and extension of the American Church.

May 4, *Sunday*. I visited Union Church, Claremont, confirmed three persons, and delivered an address — the Rev. Mr. Smith, Rector, reading Evening Prayer. The congregation was the largest I have seen here in a long time.

May 8. I visited Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge, preached, and confirmed 20 persons — which, with three confirmed last Au-

tumn, make 23 confirmed within the year. I feel, that we cannot be thankful enough for the blessed manifestations of divine favor in the movements, which have been made by the friends of the Church in this beautiful village. It is refreshing to see the earnest strength with which they put themselves into every endeavor for the advancement and security of the good cause. There being sickness in the family of the Rev. Mr. Herrick, the Rector, I became indebted to the kind and delightful hospitality of the Hon. A. P. Cate.

May 11, *Sunday*. On this day I made my first visit to a newly organized parish at Epping. To me this was a visit of remarkable interest, and I trust the blessing of God attended it, and is following it. On this holy day, in a spacious and well-fitted Hall, I read Prayers and preached three times, confirmed four persons, and delivered to them an address. Each service was attended by a large congregation. Seldom have I heard better music in any of our Churches. A stranger, listening to that and the responses, might have thought himself in an old established parish — with such propriety was every thing done. I cannot doubt, that a blessing is "coming down from God out of Heaven" on the labors, which have been performed here for Christ's Church by his Ministers and friends. The names of twenty-four persons have been subscribed to the instrument of organization. In manifest tokens of present and future good, this case corresponds in a striking manner with that of Sanbornton Bridge. The parish was organized on the 5th of May instant, under the name of St. Philip's Church. For what has been done we are greatly indebted to the Rev. Dr. Edson, of Massachusetts, who has held public service, preached, catechised, and administered Baptism, at sundry times. I have received from him letters giving an interesting account of his visits and labors. These I place on the files of the Diocese. A plan for giving our friends at Epping the services of a minister on the second Sunday in each month, beginning with November 1861, was kindly suggested by him, with an offer to supply four Sundays himself. By the ready help of several of our Clergy, this has been effected thus far; and there is no doubt of its being carried through the year. In the absence of a Clergyman, the people have shown their interest in the Church by maintaining lay reading.

If a Clergyman could be obtained, who would divide his labors between Epping and Exeter, where, as I am informed, many persons are desirous of enjoying the privileges of the Church, great good would be the result. The subject is under consideration.

May 12. At the earnest request of the Rev. Mr. Gushee, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Dover, I made a special visit to that Church—preached, and confirmed nine persons, to whom I delivered an address on their privileges and duties. The congregation was very large and attentive. Thus twelve persons have been confirmed here since Mr Gushee took charge, which was near the beginning of the last autumn. I had the pleasure of meeting the Rev. Mr. Salter, late Rector, who now holds a Chaplaincy in the Navy, and who rejoiced in the prosperity of his late parish.

May 18, *Sunday.* At a Confirmation held in Trinity Church, Claremont, of which I am Rector, that holy rite was administered to six persons — making ten confirmed here since the last Convention.

May 25, *Sunday.* I made an informal visit to St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton, where, after Morning Prayer read by the Rev. Mr. Valpey, I delivered a sermon. I also spent a little time in the Sunday School, and addressed the children.

In the afternoon of the same day I visited St. Paul's School, delivered an address, and confirmed four persons, of whom three were members of the School—making eight within the year. Evening Prayer was read by the Rev. Messrs. Coit and Valpey. The congregation quite filled the Chapel.

At 7 1-2 o'clock P. M. I found a large congregation assembled in St. Paul's Church, Concord. After prayers by the Rev. Mr. Coit, I preached, and confirmed ten persons—the candidates being presented and the introduction read by the Rev. Mr. Eames.

May 27. In Grace Church, Manchester, at an evening service held under direction of the Diocesan Board of Missions I confirmed sixteen persons — making twenty-two confirmed there within the year.

Thus much concerning my visitations and other things connected with dates.

The number of Clergymen now belonging to the Diocese is eighteen,— organized Parishes seventeen, besides the Chapel of St. Paul's School, which accommodates the neighboring residents, and a number of posts of Missionary labor. Our Candidates for Holy Orders are three: Messrs. Ephraim L. Whitcome, William Schouler, Jr., and John Hargate. There has been one ordination to the Diaconate, and one to the Priesthood. One Church has been Consecrated, — and another, at Nashua, of which the Corner Stone was laid near the beginning of the last winter, is about ready for that solemnity. Three Clergymen have been received into the Diocese — none dismissed from it. The whole number of persons, who have received Confirmation, is one hundred twenty-one.

It is with great thankfulness I contemplate the fact that, while in the darkness now enveloping our country there is so much to try the faith, the patience, and the hopes of our people, there is abundant evidence that the cause of Christ and the Church in this Diocese never engaged so much attention, or the attention of so many minds, as now. In very many places, where there existed little if any knowledge of the Church, except from books and perhaps an occasional hearing of our Ministers, there is now a remarkable spirit of enquiry. But sad to say, we lack the means to meet this spirit as we would. Much is done by occasional labors performed by the Clergy of the Diocese in feeble parishes, and at new stations of more or less promise.

And here I desire to thank my reverend brethren for the cheerful readiness with which they have met my wishes, and have

wrought even beyond my wishes as expressed to them, in this matter. There can be no doubt, that in this way much good has been done. Indeed, we have now several most flourishing parishes which had thus their beginning. God grant that my brethren may have grace and strength to persevere and increase in these labors of holy love. Lancaster, Charlestown, Lacouia, Epping, and North Conway, are places which I hope we shall remember in our prayers, and encourage with our sympathies and our labors. Jaffrey also presents an opportunity, respecting which I have received very favorable statements.

As to these and other places, let us encourage ourselves and our friends in hope. Times of refreshing will surely come. Though they tarry, let us wait for them, and be willing and ready to act as the Lord shall open the door of opportunity.

There remains a subject, to which I desire to call a measure of attention. It is the subject of posture on the part of the congregation or assemblage of people, in the use of some of the public services of the Church. Judging by the frequency with which I am called on to give directions or make explanations, I presume that a statement of my own views and practice, and of usages most generally approved, will tend to promote a pleasing and edifying uniformity in our congregations.

As respects posture in the Morning and Evening Prayer and in the Communion office, perhaps not much needs to be said. This is plain enough, and seems to be well understood — though there is one thing, that I never can see without regret. And this is, that in our congregations those who do not kneel in time of prayer, sit. In this respect there has been, if I am not mistaken, a change during my own term of ministerial life, which I cannot think to be consistent with reverence; and which I mention sorrowfully. The practice may have grown insensibly upon our people from its general prevalence among the denominations, who, while prayer is offered, remain quietly and comfortably seated. I see not how it can be defended against the charge of irreverence, and of tending strongly to foster irreverence in the mind. When reverence is at a low rate, piety is sure to be at a lower. Next in propriety to kneeling is the posture of standing. Advanced age and bodily infirmity are of course, entitled to indulgence, and must of right be allowed to make their own law.

But not in all cases does the Church prescribe the posture of kneeling in prayer. There are religious services in which it is evident to me the Church intended that the prayers should be offered *all standing*. This, I am quite sure, is the posture which should be observed by all present at the performance of the marriage service, whether it be in Church or elsewhere. In this solemn transaction, all should reverently *stand* and join mentally in the prayers offered by the Minister, saying distinctly, *amen*. None should consider themselves present merely as spectators. If marriage is only an institution of the State, then indeed, all present, except the par-

ties concerned in the covenant, are simply spectators. But it is a thing of higher authority and sacredness than the State can make. It is a holy institution of God himself, and ought never to be separated from the sanctions and solemnities of religion. When, therefore, the officiating Minister rises and addresses the company present, "Dearly beloved," all should reverently stand up and remain standing to the end.

To the rule of kneeling in prayer there is also an exception in the Baptismal service. You will recollect that, in this service, nothing is said about the posture of either Minister or people until after the application of the Baptismal water, and the address beginning, "seeing now &c."—then all are required to kneel — that is, the congregation as well as the persons at the font. Now, the rule which seems to me most consistent with propriety and with the significant ceremonies of the Church generally, and which I have myself ever followed and recommended in practice, is, that all present *stand* from the beginning of the service to the Lord's Prayer. After that the rubric is plain enough. I am glad to see that my Right Reverend brother, the Bishop of Western New York, who is seldom wrong in questions of ritual, has lately recommended this course. I wish it may be followed in all the Churches of this Diocese.

And it is plain, that propriety recommends — not to say requires — a similar usage, when the solemn rite of Confirmation is administered. The congregation should show their respect for it and interest in it by rising at the commencement, and continuing to stand until the rubric requires a different posture — which it does after the imposition of hands. "All kneeling down," is the rubric then.

Again — in the "Order for the burial of the dead" no directions are given respecting posture. It is not to be inferred from this that it is really a matter of no importance, and that one may stand, another sit, and another kneel, without regard to a general rule of propriety. The circumstances under which this service is usually performed, as well as the obvious fitness of the thing, suggest the rule of *standing* in all but the reading of the Lesson — in which case the people should sit.

In submitting these recommendations, I am influenced, in some degree, by a consideration of the fact that we are now introducing the Church in several new places; where it is important that we begin with such rules of wholesome order as we can with good reason justify and follow up. It is my desire that they should be observed in all our congregations.

I need not remind you that the present is a time of trial to the missionary undertakings of the Church. If we might not rely on a power higher than any will, or wisdom, or liberality of man, I should expect that our means of usefulness in that line would be scanty indeed. And, but for the great and precious promises, we might well despair of being able to sustain, much more to extend the work of bringing sinful souls under the Gospel "ordination

to eternal life," in view of the extraordinary pressure of temporal things on all minds. Our trust must be in God, who fails not in his own time and way to give success to his own cause — while we take special care not to forget, that we must persuasively draw out and faithfully use the means, which his providence has deposited with the people of our Churches. Collections for the Missionary purposes of the Diocese, as well as for those of the General Board, should be made in all the Churches and at all our Missionary stations without exception. The small collections of past years have been a great help to our work. God grant, that in the year to come they may be greater than ever.

CARLTON CHASE, BISHOP.

On motion the Parochial Reports were presented and read. [See Appendix.]

The President appointed Rev. Messrs. EAMES and HERRICK a committee to nominate Preachers of the Missionary and Convention Sermons for 1863.

The President appointed Rev. Mr. RENOUF and Mr. O. A. CLOUGH, Tellers, and the Convention proceeded to elect a Standing Committee, with the following result:

Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard, D. D., Rev. J. H. Eames, Rev. H. A. Coit, Messrs. Wm. L. Foster, J. D. Watson, and Horace A. Brown.

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Hampshire be held in Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge, on the last Wednesday of May, 1863, at 9 o'clock A. M.

On motion of Rev. Dr. HUBBARD,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be, and they are hereby presented to Mr. S. H. HILLIARD for the faithful services rendered to the Church by him as Lay Reader in North Conway, during the two past years.

Rev. Mr. EAMES reported for preacher of the Missionary Sermon, Rev. E. A. RENOUF; Substitute, Rev. DAVID F. BANKS. Preacher of the Convention Sermon, Rev. THOMAS F. DAVIES, Jr.; Substitute, Rev. EDWARD M. GUSHEE.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to procure the printing of 600 copies of the Journal of this Convention.

On motion, proceeded to elect a Treasurer of the Convention and of the Bishop's Fund, and JUSTUS D. WATSON, Esq., was unanimously re-elected.

Proceeded to elect Delegates and Provisional Deputies to the General Convention.

The President appointed Rev. Mr. HERRICK and Hon. C. A. TUFTS, Tellers, who announced the following as elected:

Delegates to the General Convention—Rev. J. H. Eames, Rev. Henry A. Coit, Rev. I. G. Hubbard, D. D., Rev. Marcellus A. Herrick, Col. David Davis, Simeon Ide, Esq., Hon. Charles A. Tufts, William P. Wheeler, Esq.

Provisional Deputies—Rev. Francis Chase, Rev. E. A. Renouf, Rev. E. M. Gushee, Rev. T. F. Davies, Jr., Hon. C. H. Peaslee, J. D. Watson, O. A. Clough, A. R. Hatch, Esqs.

The Finance Committee, by the Rev. Mr. RENOUF, presented the following

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Committee on Finance have examined the Treasurer's reports, with the accompanying vouchers, and find them correct. Also, find the following assessments necessary to meet the expenses of the present year, including those of General Convention:—

St. John's Church, Portsmouth,	$21.00
Union Church, Claremont,	13.00
Trinity Church, Claremont,	10.50
St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	8.00
St. Paul's Church, Concord,	8.50
Trinity Church, Cornish,	2.00
St. Peter's Church, Drewsville,	1.00
Grace Church, Plainfield,	1.00
St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	1.00
St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	1.00
Grace Church, Manchester,	8.50
St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	1.00
St. Luke's Church, Nashua,	1.00
St. James' Church, Keene,	1.50
	$80.00

ASSESSMENTS FOR THE BISHOP'S FUND.

St. John's Church, Portsmouth, (including tythes)	$97.00
Union Church, Claremont, (including tythes)	54.00
Trinity Church, Claremont,	29.00
St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	20.00
St. Paul's Church, Concord,	25.00
Trinity Church, Cornish,	5.00
St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	1.00
St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	1.00
Grace Church, Manchester,	23.00
St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	1.00

St. Luke's Church, Nashua,	1.50
St. James' Church, Keene,	2.50
Grace Church, Laconia,	1.00
Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge,	2.00
	$260.00

The Committee recommend the parishes to pay these assessments within the next six weeks, at which time the several bills will be due.

E. A. RENOUF,
A. BRIGGS,
J. P. S. OTTERSON, } Committee.

Rev. Mr. Eames, and Messrs. Chase and Stanwood delegates from St. Andrew's, Hopkinton, asked leave of absence, which was granted.

On motion, adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, May 29—8 o'clock A. M.

After roll call the Convention proceeded to nominate Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, and made choice of Rev. HENRY A. COIT and WILLIAM P. WHEELER, Esq.

On motion, the Convention suspended its business, that the members might attend the meeting of the Board of Missions.

The Convention was again called to order, when Rev. Mr. RENOUF offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the congregation of Grace Church, Manchester, for their liberal hospitality to both the clerical and lay delegates of this Convention.

[The undersigned would not faithfully discharge his duties as recording officer, did he fail to make some mention of a discussion which arose at this stage of the proceedings of the Convention, from a remark by its presiding officer. He expressed his regret that Union Church, among the most liberally endowed of any in the Diocese, had not been represented, either by clergyman or layman, in the last three Annual Conventions of the Church; and the inquiry came involuntarily to his mind, if there was sufficient cause for this dereliction?

Some members of the Convention suggested that a Canon, or some action by the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, was needed in such cases; that, while Parishes just formed, and now without the regular ministrations of the Church,

were fully represented here to-day, the Convention might reasonably expect the oldest and most liberally endowed Parishes to send at least an occasional representative to its Annual Convocations.

It was, however, thought best, on the whole, to take no action in the matter at this time, as the attendance at this, the last session of the Convention, was quite small.]

There being no further business, after prayers by the President, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

Attest: HORACE A. BROWN, Secretary.

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

TRINITY CHURCH, CLAREMONT.

RT. REV. CARLTON CHASE, D. D., RECTOR.

CHARLES M. BINGHAM, ARNOLD BRIGGS, } Wardens.

Baptisms: adults, 6; children, 5—11. Confirmed, 10. Communicants, 152. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 10. Easter collection for Diocesan Missions, $20. Collection for General Domestic Missions, $53. Payment to the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese, $29. The number of children reckoned as connected with the Sunday School is about 50—though, I am sorry to say, there is much irregularity in attendance. I still report our number of families as 90—though considerable changes have taken place, some breaking up or removing, and others coming in. The Parish Library contains 150 volumes—the Sunday School Library 350 volumes.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, NASHUA.

REV. D. F. BANKS, RECTOR ELECT.

Families, 50. Baptisms: adults, 1; infants, 2; total, 3. Confirmed, 1. Communicants: added, 6; removed, 1; present number, 53. Marriages, 2. Burials, 2. Contributions: Communion alms, $4.56; collections for incidental expenses, $9.80; from the Ladies' Sewing Circle, for the same purpose, $25.00; subscriptions already paid for church building fund, $1,032.30; Sunday evening collections, for the same object, $84.61; amount raised by the ladies for furnishing church, $120.00; total, $1,276.27.

The chief item of interest which I have to report, is the fact that we are engaged in the erection of a church. It is to cost from two to three thousand dollars, and will seat 350 persons. It will be entirely free from debt, and the pews are to be held by the Wardens and Vestrymen, and rented annually. It is now nearly completed, and will be ready for consecration about the 1st of July. A good number of persons are awaiting confirmation at the same time.

During the ten months that I have been in charge of this parish, there has been a marked and steadily increasing degree of interest manifested in the Church.

The services have been remarkably well attended, and the names of twenty new families have been added to the Parish Register.

We have everything to encourage us; and, by God's blessing, we confidently expect soon to become a vigorous self-supporting parish.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, HANOVER.

REV. EDWARD BOURNS, LL. D., MISSIONARY.

Our Church was closed during several weeks of the past year. We had been for a long time in hopes of building a new Church; but at length, the kindness of our friends having put it in our power to repair the old building, we thought it best to be content with it and hope for the new one at some future day. The old building has been moved a few feet, raised and thoroughly and most tastefully repaired, so that we now have a handsome, convenient and appropriate building. The alterations have been made under the tasteful supervision of our Warden, Thos. R. Crosby, M. D. A chancel has been added, stained glass windows inserted, and the whole form of the building altered. A furnace has been erected. The whole work well and thoroughly done.

The effect of this improvement in the building, on the attendance is favorable. Our congregations, always good, are larger than before, and some persons now come to us habitually, who never did so before. Also, two Church families have come to live in the village. Besides which, at the last visitation of our Bishop, three ladies were baptized and confirmed. As they had been a long time in constant attendance on our services and had been long meditating on this step, and have all lived excellent lives, we feel strong hope that they will now adorn their profession and assist us in bringing more converts to Christ.

We have continued our Bible class throughout the portion of the year in which the Church has been open. We have lately organized a Sunday School, which gives fair promise of success. We have made the first of a small periodic collection for Domestic Missions.

Generally we have had new life and vigor infused into us by our improved building, and hope, during the next year to have still more fruits to show of our zeal and devotion to the cause of Christ. I cannot close without once more recording our great obligation to our kind, prompt and highly efficient choir.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, HOPKINTON.

REV. FRANCIS CHASE, MINISTER.

HORACE CHASE, SAMUEL R. ADAMS, } Wardens. GEORGE G. PHELPS, Clerk. GEORGE W. CURRIER, Treasurer.

Families, 20. Individuals, 80. Baptisms: infants, 1; adults, 4; total, 5. Communicants: added since last report, in 1859, 5; died or removed, 16; present number, 23. Confirmed, 1. Marriages, 2. Burials, 7. Sunday School: teachers, 5; scholars, 25. Missionary Contributions: Diocesan, $10.76; Domestic, $21.00; Foreign, $15.00; other contributions, $22.24. The officiating clergyman has also attended 2 funerals, and baptised 3 infants and 1 adult, outside of the diocese.

The services of the Church were recommenced in this parish on the first of August, 1861, after being intermitted for two years and a half. The ranks of

our communicants have been sadly thinned by the hand of death and by removals; yet, among the few that are left, there has appeared a warmth of love for the Church of Christ, that is highly encouraging. The old zeal has been awakened in many, and new interest kindled in others. Attendance at public worship has been good, and strong desires have been expressed for a continuance of the services.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH.

REV. THOMAS F. DAVIES, JR., RECTOR.

JAMES P. BARTLETT, CHRISTOPHER C. JACKSON, } Wardens. JOHN W. FERNALD, Clerk. JOSHUA W. PEIRCE, Treasurer.

Families, 175. Baptisms: adults, 5; infants, 42; total, 47. Communicants: present number about 152. Marriages, 5. Burials, 15. Sunday School teachers, 23; scholars, 160. S. S. Library: number of volumes, 350. Parish Library: number of volumes, 685. Contributions: Bishop's Salary, $96; Convention Expenses, $20; Diocesan Missions, $54.39; Domestic Missions, $48.42; Foreign Missions, $23.43; Soldier's Aid Society, $162.21; Gloucester Sufferers, $47.15; Communion Alms, $145.42; total, $597.02.

The Rev. William A. Hitchcock resigned the Rectorship of the Parish, to the very great and general regret of his parishioners, on the 1st of November, 1861. The present Rector entered upon his duties at Easter, 1862. During the intervening period, the Rev. Joshua R. Peirce of the Diocese of Massachusetts, ministered to the Parish with great acceptance and faithfulness.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CONCORD.

REV. J. H. EAMES, RECTOR.

DAVID DAVIS, HORACE A. BROWN, } Wardens. S. C. EASTMAN, Clerk. E. A. ABBOT, Treasurer.

Baptisms: adults, 4; infants, 5; total, 9. Confirmations, 10. Marriages, 5. Burials, 8. Communicants, 144. Sunday School Scholars, 90. Sunday School Teachers, 13. Domestic Missions, $12.54. Diocesan Missions, $32.80. For Parish, Missionary and Church purposes, $156.41.

The Parish was never in so good condition as it stands at the close of this Conventional year.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, DOVER.

REV. E. M. GUSHEE, RECTOR.

CHARLES W. WOODMAN, NATHANIEL LOW, JR., } Wardens. JOHN DUXBURY, Clerk. CHARLES W. WOODMAN, Treasurer.

The Rector entered upon his duties Sept. 1, 1861. The report covers the time that has elapsed since then—a period of nine months.

Baptisms: adults, 4; infants, 3; total, 7. Confirmations, 12. Communicants: added, 13; died, 1; removed, 1; present number, 65. Marriages, 2. Burials, 4. Sunday School: teachers, 16; scholars, 87; total, 103. Foreign and Domestic Missions, $32.70. For Sunday School Library, $103.00. The Sunday School Children's Easter offering, for Sunday School in the West, $8.00.

Communion alms, $44.59. Incidental expenses, $99.78. Alteration of the vestry for Rector's study, $30.00. Other religious purposes, $20.00. Bishop's salary and Convention expenses, $27.00. Total, $365.07.

TRINITY CHURCH, SANBORNTON BRIDGE.

REV. M. A. HERRICK, RECTOR.

JAMES FANSHAW, JONA. WARE BUTTERFIELD, } Wardens. CHARLES CARROL ROGERS, Clerk. J. F. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

Baptisms: infants, 7; adults, 23; total, 30. Marriages, 2. Burials, 2. Confirmations, 23. Whole number of Communicants, 25. Sunday School scholars, about 30. Contribution to the Board of Domestic Missions, $10.00.

Since the organization of the Parish, the Holy Communion has been administered but twice. The usual Sunday services have been held without interruption since the Consecration of the Church in the month of October last. A very considerable amount of money has been raised for Parochial purposes, but, with a single exception, there has been no offertory, and no collections for any purpose whatever. The Rector trusts, however, that this inconvenience may be speedily remedied, and that at the next Convention he may be able to report his Parish in working order.

GRACE CHURCH, MANCHESTER.

REV. I. G. HUBBARD, D. D., RECTOR.

JOEL TAYLOR, JAMES H. POLLARD, } Wardens. T. W. LITTLE, Clerk. WM. B. WEBSTER, Treasurer.

Families, 100. Baptisms: children, 26; adults, 12; total, 38. Confirmed, 22. Marriages, 6. Burials, 8. Communicants: added anew, 26; by removal, 11; total, 37; lost, by removal, 13; by death, 4; total, 17; present number, 143. Sunday Scholars, 105; teachers, 12. Communion offerings, $109.13; monthly collections, $64.72; special donations from individuals, $36.00; Sunday school offerings, $15.00: total, $224.85. Of this sum there has been given to Domestic Missions, $21.00; to Foreign Missions, $23.00; to Diocesan Missions, (including Convention collection, $6.12) $21.12; Bishop's salary, $23.00; to the poor, $37.25; Parish objects, including wine for communion, books, tracts, Christmas decorations, &c., $36.68; to Church building fund, $11.00; to Sunday school, $8.08; special donations to Holderness, $15.00; to Nashua, $10.00; to Epping, $5.00; for Convention assessment, $8.00; to a permanent fund to provide prayer books at cost, $5.25.

By the favor of God this Church is gaining in the interest and affection of the community. The Sunday School has increased largely during the year, and with the exception of a lack of teachers, is in a very prosperous condition. The ladies, besides assisting the poor, have raised $280.00 towards the Church building fund. A considerable amount has also been raised upon subscriptions for this object.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, HOLDERNESS.

REV. D. POTTER, MINISTER.

ORRIN CLOUGH, NELSON SMYTH, } Wardens.

The communicants are the same as when last reported, with the exception that

one has been added by removal, one withdrawn, and nine have removed from the Parish. There have been one infant and one adult baptisms; one marriage and one burial. The principal part of the past year has been spent in a great struggle to liquidate the indebtedness of the Parish, and pay the mortgage on the Church. We at length succeeded, and paid the sum of $1105.13, which frees the Parish from debt. Ten dollars have been paid for work at the Church, and two sent to the General Missionary Society. My connection with the Parish now ceases.

GRACE CHURCH, LACONIA.

REV. DEXTER POTTER, MINISTER.

I have but recently commenced services in this Parish, and hence can make but a limited report. I know of no communicants in the Parish at the present time. Should it please the great Head of the Church to smile on our efforts to introduce the pillar and ground of the truth, and the faith once delivered to the saints here, we may yet see many gathered into the fold of Christ, and made live members of His mystical body. We occupy, at the present time, a hall for our services on the Lord's day.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KEENE.

REV. EDWARD A. RENOUF, RECTOR.

T. B. KITTREDGE, WM. P. WHEELER, } Wardens. D. H. WOODWARD, Clerk. M. T. TOTTINGHAM, Treasurer.

Families, 35. Individuals, 35. Total number of persons, 148. Baptisms: adults, 2; children, 3; total, 5. Confirmed, 6. Communicants: added, 9; removed, 3; present number, 42. Funerals: adults, 2; children, 2; total, 4. Marriages, 1. Public Services: Sundays, 117; other days, 19; total, 136. The Holy Communion was publicly administered 14 times; privately, 2 times; total, 16 times. A weekly Bible Class has been held at the house of the Rector for about five months, at which the book of Acts has been finished.

Our Church contributions have been $111.70. There have been given for the Sunday School and enlargement of its Library, $14.62; for St. Mark's Church, Holderness, $10.00; for the Bishop's salary, $2.00; for expenses of the Convention, $1.00; for Domestic Missions, $10.26; for Foreign Missions, $10.40; for Diocesan Missions, $9.02; for the Soldier's Aid Society of Cheshire County, $16.74. The balance of the collections has been applied to parochial purposes. Our Sunday School collections amount to $16.96. For replacing lost library books we paid $2.89; for printing catalogues of the library, $2.00. Four Sundays ago we commenced raising a Church building fund, which has already amounted to $3.44. The remainder, $8.63, has been equally divided between Nashotah and Faribault. The school has 40 pupils, attending with considerable regularity, 9 teachers and a librarian. A magic lantern, with a variety of pictures, many representing scriptural subjects, affording an agreeable entertainment, was exhibited during the Christmas holidays by the kindness of N. J. Bradlee, Esq., of Boston.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle have continued their meetings the greater part of the year. Twice has the Bishop visited us, administering confirmation. The

Parish have sanctioned, by their vote, the Resolutions of the Vestry, to attempt to build a Church edifice, to cost $5000. Already $3200 have been subscribed within the Parish, and there is a good prospect of obtaining the remainder.

UNION CHURCH, CLAREMONT.

REV. H. S. SMITH, RECTOR.

Confirmed, 3. Communicants—2 removed—present number, 43. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 5. Collections: for Diocesan Missions, $5.00; Domestic Missions, $5: alms included in these collections. The Sunday School has not yet been fully re-organized this spring, owing to the present ill health of the Rector; but the prospects of the school are about the same as last reported.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, DREWSVILLE.

REV. JAMES H. TYNG, MINISTER.

This Parish comprises some ten or twelve families—the usual attendance from forty to fifty—which seems to have been its average from the beginning. A little flock, indeed, but firm and faithful.

During the past year there have occurred six baptisms, six burials, three persons confirmed, members communing, ten or twelve. A spirited Sunday School has been begun and sustained, and in general the condition of this very interesting Church, has rather improved, I think, than otherwise. I cannot forbear to mention the large liberality of a few, and the punctuality with which promises have been performed. Such a Church deserves to be prospered, and I heartily hope and trust it will be.

My services during the year have been apportioned between Drewsville and Charlestown. At this latter place the Church has made an excellent beginning. The number of our own name is indeed small. But, as it seemed, most Providentially, just at this time, the Orthodox Society were led to offer us the free use of their house of worship, and have sustained our services by their constant attendance and interest, and now nothing seems wanting to make our effort a success, if services can be sustained there for a year or two to come.

TRINITY CHURCH, CORNISH.

For the Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D., Bishop of Diocese of N. H.:—

Rt. Rev. Sir—In regard to Trinity Church, Cornish, N. H., I herewith briefly report that during the summer and fall of 1861, I held service in Trinity Church, Cornish, on the afternoons of the 1st and 3d Sundays of the months of July, August, September, October and November: ten services in all. The condition of the Church building was such that services could not be held in it through the winter. I hope to be able to resume them in a few days. The attendance on the whole was satisfactory. It averaged about 60 in number, a fourth or fifth part of which were from the Windsor side. Two communicants have been added to the Church in Cornish this spring. Besides the above I have no official acts to report. I am respectfully,

Malcolm Douglass, Minister officiating.

Windsor, Vt., May 22, 1862.

GRACE CHURCH, PLAINFIELD.

The Parish organized here is very little changed since the last Convention. During the year the Rev. H. S. Smith has attended two funerals among us. We have had no other services from any clergyman, though we have much desired the enjoyment of the word and ordinances. But our population is much thinned by removals, and the Church people are few. The number of communicants may probably be set down at eight. *For the Wardens.*

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, EPPING.

HORACE C. BACON, } Wardens. WM. H. TAYLOR, }

DANIEL W. NAYSON, Clerk.
GEORGE E. LAWRENCE, Treasurer.

Services in accordance with the rites and usages of the Protestant Episcopal Church, were first held in Epping, on Sunday, Sept. 22, 1861, by Rev. Dr. Edson, since which time services by clergymen have been held there monthly; and most of the remaining Sundays, until now, there has been lay reading.

The Parish was organized May 5th, 1862, under the supervision of Rev. Dr. Hubbard, by twenty-four members. There have been baptised, 11. Confirmed, 4. Present number of communicants, 8. Sunday School scholars, 30. Teachers, 6. Through the agency of Rev. Drs. Edson and Hubbard, and other friends, we have obtained 110 volumes for our Sunday School and Parish libraries; and also 125 books of Common Prayer for the use of the congregation, all which books are much sought for and read, not only by those who have attended our church services, but by others no less. We are much aided by the services of a regular and efficient choir. The services are held in a hall kindly furnished free of rent, by Wm. R. Bunker.

H. C. BACON, Senior Warden.

Report of REV. CHARLES BURROUGHS, D. D., *a resident of Portsmouth in this Diocese.*

During the last summer I often officiated and administered the communion at the Navy Yard, near this town, at the request of the Chaplain. I often officiated, also, between May and December, at Epping, where I found an interested and growing society, now organized into a Parish. During the past winter, spent in Boston, I occasionally preached at the Church of the Messiah, in that city. I delivered a discourse at the ordination of a Deacon; and I also presented a candidate for Deacon's orders. I took deep interest while in Boston, in the effectual establishment, in that city, of a General Theological Library for all denominations of Christians. It has met great favor and promises to be an eminently valuable institution for the extension of Theological learning, and the benefit of all Theological students. I have attended the funerals of two children, and two adults. I have baptized three children, and married three couples.

CHARLES BURROUGHS.

Portsmouth, N. H., May 26, 1862.

REPORT OF THE CHAPEL OF ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL.

Baptisms: adults, 5; children, 10; total, 15. The undersigned has also baptised one infant reported from another parish. Confirmations, at two visitations,

8. Communicants: added, 13; removed, 10; present number, 20. Services are held on all Sundays and Holy-days. The Sunday School numbers 26 scholars, and is most faithfully superintended and taught by the Rev. Thomas G. Valpey, and Messrs. Wm. Schouler, Jr., A. B. Kerfoot and John Hargate instructors in the school. Contributions: Domestic Missions, $20.00; Foreign Missions, $10.00; Diocesan Missions, $15.00; General Theological Seminary, $5.00; St. Luke's Church, Nashua, $50.00; St. Mark's Church, Holderness, $60.00; Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge, $5.00; St. Stephen's Mission, Boston, $28.50; Rev. Mr. Breck's Mission, Faribault, $40.00; total, $233.50. Funerals, 2; one from the neighborhood of the school and one in Hopkinton.

HENRY A. COIT.

To the Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of New-Hampshire:

The undersigned respectfully reports to his Bishop that on the 1st of November last he resigned the Rectorship of St. John's Church, Portsmouth, and that the account of his official acts since the last Convention until that time will be included in the Parochial report of that Parish.

During the remaining part of the Conventional year he has resided in the Diocese of Connecticut, having been in temporary charge of a Parish in that Diocese.

WM. A. HITCHCOCK.

Middletown, Conn., May 21, 1862.

NEW YORK NAVY YARD, May 22, 1862.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of N. H.:

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR—In conformity with the Canons, I have to report to you that in July last I resigned my Rectorship of St. Thomas' Church, Dover; that in August I was ordered by the Government to the Chaplaincy of the New York Navy Yard and Naval Hospital; that since that period I have been in the regular discharge of my official duties as Chaplain in the U. S. Navy. I have visited the sick and wounded at the Hospital almost every day, have attended some 40 funerals, and in one case have baptised a male adult. It is to me a source of pleasant reflection that I have, in many cases mitigated the troubles and anxieties of those who were passing from the shores of time into the endless ocean of eternity.

May God of his mercy grant that this most interesting field of labor may be cultivated to the great and increasing interests of his most blessed kingdom.

Very truly and respectfully,

THOMAS G. SALTER, Chaplain U. S. N.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Towns.	Parishes.	Rectors.	Baptisms.			Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sund. Sch'ls.		Missionary Contributions.			Other contributions for religious purposes.
			Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Added.	Died or removed.	Present number.				Teachers.	Scholars.	Diocesan.	Domestic.	Foreign.	
Claremont,	Trinity,	Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D.,	5	5				152	10	2	10		50	$20.00	$53.00		$29.00
Nashua,	St. Luke's,	Rev. David F. Banks,	2	1	3	6	1	53	1	2	2						
Hanover,	St. Thomas',	Rev. Edward Bourns, LL. D.,		3				12	3								
Hopkinton,	St. Andrews',	Rev. Francis Chase,	1	4	5	5	16	23	1	2	7	5	25	10.76	21.00	$15.00	22.24
Concord,	Chapel of St. Paul's Sch'l,	Rev. Henry A. Coit,	10	5	15	13	10	20	8		2	4	26	15.00	20.00	10.00	188.50
Portsmouth,	St. John's,	Rev. Thomas F. Davies, Jr.,	42	5	4			152	*16	5	15	23	160	54.39	48.42	23.43	470.78
Concord,	St. Paul's,	Rev. James H. Eames,	5	4	9			144	10	5	8	13	90	32.80	12.54		156.41
Dover,	St. Thomas',	Rev. Edward M. Gushee,	3	4	7	13	2	65	12	2	4	16	87		32.70		332.37
Sanbornton Bridge,	Trinity,	Rev. Marcellus A. Herrick,	7	23	30			25	23	2	2		30		10.00		
Manchester,	Grace,	Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard, D. D.,	26	12	38	37	17	143	22	6	8	12	105	21.12	21.00	23.00	439.73
Holderness,	St. Mark's,	Rev. Dexter Potter,	1	1	2	1	9	36		1	1						
Laconia	Grace,	Rev. Dexter Potter,															
Keene,	St. James',	Rev. Edward A. Renouf,	3	2	5	9	3	42	6	1	4	9	40	9.02	10.26	10.40	82.02
Claremont,	Union,	Rev. Henry S. Smith,					2	43	3	3	5			5.00	5.00		
Walpole (Drewsville)	St. Peter's,	Rev. James H. Tyng,			6				3		6						
Cornish,	Trinity,	Vacant,				2		12									
Plainfield,	Grace,	Vacant,						8			2						
Epping,	St. Philip's,	Vacant,			11			8	4			6	30				
			105	70	189	86	60	938	122	31	76	88	643	168.09	233.92	81.83	1,721.05

* See Bishop's report, p. 10.

DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

J. D. WATSON, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE BISHOP'S FUND. DR.

To amount received of "Trustees of Donations," &c.,			$200.00
" " " the following named Parishes, as per assessments at last Convention, viz:			
St. John's Church, Portsmouth,		$96.00	
Union Church, Claremont,		53.50	
Trinity Church, Claremont,		29.00	
Grace Church, Manchester,		23.00	
St. Paul's Church, Concord,		22.50	
St. Thomas' Church, Dover,		20.00	
St. James' Church, Keene,		2.00	
St. Luke's Church, Nashua,		1.00	
St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,		1.00	
St. Mark's Church, Holderness,		1.00	
St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,		1.00	$250.00
			$450.00
Balance due Treasurer,			3.69
			$453.69

CONTRA, CR.

1862. May 28.	By balance due Treasurer, brought forward,		$3.69	
	By amount paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Chase, his salary one year to June 1, 1862,		$450.00	$453.69
				$453.69

Due from Trinity Church, Cornish,		$7.00
" Grace Church, Laconia,	1.00	
" Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge,	2.00	
Total,		$10.00

Respectfully submitted,
JUSTUS D. WATSON, Treasurer.

Manchester, May 28, 1862.

DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

J. D. WATSON, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE. DR.

1862. May 28.	To amount received of the following named Parishes, as per assessments at last Convention, viz:		
St. John's Church, Portsmouth,			$20.00
Union Church, Claremont,			12.00
Trinity Church, Claremont,			10.00
St. Thomas' Church, Dover,			7.00
St. Paul's Church, Concord,			9.00
St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,			1.00
St. Luke's Church, Nashua,			1.00

St. James' Church, Keene,.....	1.00	
St. Peter's Church, Drewsville,.....	1.00	
St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,.....	1.00	
St. Mark's Church, Holderness,.....	1.00	
Grace Church, Manchester,.....	8.00	
		$72.00

CONTRA, CR.

1861.	May 29.	By amount due Treasurer from last account,.....		$9.24
1862.	May 28.	" paid Wm. Butterfield for printing 600 copies of Journal for 1861,.....	$42.07	
		By amount paid H. A. Brown, Secretary, his bill for postages and express for two years,.....	3.44	
		By amount paid Treasurer, postages and stationery,.....	.78	$46.29
				$55.53
		Balance in hands of Treasurer,.....		16.47
				$72.00
		Due from Trinity Church, Cornish,.....	$2.00	
		" Grace Church, Plainfield,.....	1.00	
		Total due,.....		$3.00

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JUSTUS D. WATSON, Treasurer.

Manchester, May 28, 1862.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF DIOCESAN MISSONS.

FRANCIS CHASE, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE BOARD OF MISSIONS. DR.

1861.	June 6.	To balance on hand,.....	$166.49
	Sept. 1.	To cash from Union Church, Claremont,.....	5.00
1862.	Apr. 20.	" " St. Andrew's, Hopkinton,.....	10.76
	" 22.	" " St. Paul's, Concord,.....	31.78
	" 23.	" " St. James', Keene,.....	9.02
	May 28.	" " Trinity, Claremont, ...	20.00
	"	" " Union, Claremont,.....	5.00
	"	" " Grace, Manchester,.....	15.00
	"	" " E. L. Whitcome,.....	2.00
	"	" " Convention collection,.....	6.12
	"	" " St. Paul's School Chapel,.....	15.00
			$286.17

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1861.	Dec. 19.	By cash to Rev. D. F. Banks, by Bishop's order,.....	$75.00	
1862.	Feb. 27.	By cash to Rev. D. Potter, by ditto,.....	95.00	$170.00
		Balance on hand,.....		$116.17

FRANCIS CHASE, Treasurer Board of Missions.

Concord, N. H., May 31, 1862.

RULES OF ORDER.

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JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTY-THIRD CONVENTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE

DIOCESE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,

HELD IN

TRINITY CHURCH, SANBORNTON BRIDGE,

On Wednesday, May 27, 1863.

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CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Rt. Rev. CARLTON CHASE, D. D., Bishop, and Rector of Trinity Church, Claremont.
Rev. DAVID F. BANKS, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Nashua.
Rev. EDWARD BOURNS, LL. D., Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Hanover.
Rev. CHARLES BURROUGHS, D. D., residing in Portsmouth.
Rev. FRANCIS CHASE, residing in Claremont.
Rev. HENRY A. COIT, Rector of St. Paul's School, Concord.
Rev. THOMAS F. DAVIES, Jr., Rector of St. John's Church, Portsmouth.
Rev. JAMES H. EAMES, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Concord.
Rev. FREDERIC S. FISHER, Deacon, officiating at Epping.
Rev. EDWARD N. GODDARD, Deacon, Claremont.
Rev. EDWARD M. GUSHEE, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Dover.
Rev. MARCELLUS A. HERRICK, Rector of Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge.
Rev. WILLIAM A. HITCHCOCK, Chaplain in the Navy of the U. S.
Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, Rector of Grace Church, Manchester.
Rev. EDWARD A. RENOUF, Rector of St. James' Church, Keene.
Rev. THOMAS G. SALTER, Chaplain in the Navy of the U. S.
Rev. HENRY S. SMITH, Rector of Union Church, Claremont.
Rev. JAMES H. TYNG, Minister of St. John's Church, Walpole, and Missionary at Charlestown.
Rev. THOMAS G. VALPEY, Deacon, Teacher in St. Paul's School, Concord.
Rev. EPHRAIM L. WHITCOME, Deacon, residing at Nashua.

The following clergymen are officiating in the Diocese, but are not canonically connected with the Convention:

Rev. JAMES A. SANDERSON, Pittsfield.
Rev. CHARLES WINGATE, Dover.

OFFICERS OF THE DIOCESE.

Standing Committee.—Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, D. D., President, Manchester; Rev. JAMES H. EAMES, D. D., Rev. HENRY A. COIT; WM. L. FOSTER, Esq., Concord, Secretary; HORACE A. BROWN, Hon. CHARLES A. TUFTS.

Delegates to the General Convention.—Rev. JAMES H. EAMES, D. D., Rev. HENRY A. COIT, Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, D. D., Rev. MARCELLUS A. HERRICK, Col. DAVID DAVIS, SIMEON IDE, Esq., Hon. CHARLES A. TUFTS, WILLIAM P. WHEELER, Esq.

Provisional Deputies.—Rev. FRANCIS CHASE, Rev. EDWARD A. RENOUF, Rev. EDWARD M. GUSHEE, Rev. THOMAS F. DAVIES, Jr., Hon. CHARLES H. PEASLEE, JUSTUS D. WATSON, O. A. CLOUGH, ALBERT R. HATCH, Esq.

Board of Diocesan Missions.—THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, *ex officio*, Chairman, Claremont; Rev. FRANCIS CHASE, Secretary and Treasurer, Claremont.

Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.—Rev. HENRY A. COIT, WM. P. WHEELER, Esq.

Treasurer of the Convention.—JUSTUS D. WATSON, Esq., Manchester.

Secretary of the Convention.—HORACE A. BROWN, Concord.

Registrar of the Convention.—Rev. HENRY A. COIT, Concord.

PROCEEDINGS.

TRINITY CHURCH, SANBORNTON BRIDGE,
Wednesday, May 27, 1863.

This being the day fixed by the Constitution for holding the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New Hampshire, the Right Reverend CARLTON CHASE, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, with a number of the Clergy and Laity, assembled at Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge, agreeably to a resolution passed at the Sixty-second Annual Convention of said Church, held at the City of Manchester, May, 1862.

The first service connected with the Convention was held on Tuesday evening, when the Rev. EDWARD A. RENOUF preached the Annual Missionary Sermon, Evening Prayer being read by the Rev. Messrs. EDSON and BOURNS.

The Convention was called to order on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, by the Rt. Rev. President, the Bishop of the Diocese.

The Bishop laid upon the Secretary's table a list of the Clergy of the Diocese, canonically members of the Convention, which being called, the following answered to their names and took seats in the Convention:—

Rt. Rev. CARLTON CHASE, D. D.;
Rev. DAVID F. BANKS;
Rev. EDWARD BOURNS, LL. D.;
Rev. FRANCIS CHASE;
Rev. HENRY A. COIT;
Rev. THOMAS F. DAVIES, JR.;
Rev. JAMES H. EAMES, D. D.;

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Rev. MARCELLUS A. HERRICK;
Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, D. D.;
Rev. EDWARD A. RENOUF;
Rev. HENRY S. SMITH.

The certificates of Lay Delegates were presented and referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Dr. EAMES and ARNOLD BRIGGS, who subsequently reported the following persons as entitled to seats in the Convention:—

St. John's Church, Portsmouth,.....Joshua W. Peirce,
*Charles H. Peaslee,
Charles H. Ladd.

Trinity Church, Claremont,.....*Arnold Briggs,
Charles F. Long,
*George G. Ide.

St. Paul's Church, Concord,.....*Jacob Carter,
*O. A. Clough,
*C. J. Conner.

St. Luke's Church, Nashua,.....*J. P. S. Otterson.

Grace Church, Manchester,.....T. W. Little,
Justus D. Watson,
Wm. B. Webster.

St. Thomas' Church, Dover,.....*Charles A. Tufts,
George F. Rollins,
*James A. Richardson.

St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,.....*Horace Chase,
*Frederick W. Stanwood,
*William Restieaux.

Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge,..*Asa P. Cate,
*Arthur L. Smyth,
*Alfred A. Gile.

St. Philip's Church, Epping,.....*George E. Lawrence,
*James B. Pearson,
Henry F. Hoitt.

Union Church, Claremont,.....Solon C. Grannis,
*William Ellis,
John Tyler.

†St. Luke's Church, Charlestown,.....Porter Spencer,
*George Olcott, Jr.

†St. John's Church, Walpole,.....*George Huntington,
B. P. Spaulding,
Hiram Wotkyns.

†St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield,.....*Benjamin Emerson,
*C. S. P. Sanderson,
M. V. B. Edgerly.

The report was accepted, and the roll having been called, delegates present were admitted to seats in the Convention.

Resolved, That clergymen officiating in this Diocese, not canonically members of this Convention, and clergymen of other Dioceses, and candidates for Orders, who may be present, be admitted to seats in this Convention.

Under this resolution, Rev. Theodore Edson, D. D., of the Diocese of Massachusetts, Rev. Henry Hazard, of the Diocese of Montreal, and Ephraim L. Whitcome, Benjamin A. Rogers, and John Hargate, candidates for Orders in this Diocese, took seats in the Convention.

On motion, the Rules of Order for last year were adopted for the government of this Convention.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to choose a Secretary, and HORACE A. BROWN, of Concord, was unanimously re-elected.

The President announced the following Committees:

On Finance—Rev. E. A. Renouf, Mr. J. P. S. Otterson, Hon. Asa P. Cate.

On Constitution and Canons—Rev. I. G. Hubbard, D. D., Rev. H. S. Smith, Mr. George G. Ide.

On New Parishes—Rev. Mr. Davies, Rev. F. Chase, Jacob Carter, Esq.

On Nominations—Rev. Dr. Eames, Rev. Mr. Herrick, Mr. Wm. Resticaux.

The Committee on New Parishes made the following report:

The Committee on the admission of New Parishes, respectfully report that they have examined the papers relating to the organization of St. John's Church, Walpole; St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield; and St. Luke's Church, Charlestown, and find them correct,

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*Present. † See report of Committee on New Parishes.

and recommend that they be admitted into union with this Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS F. DAVIES, Jr.,
FRANCIS CHASE,
JACOB CARTER,
} *Committee.*

On motion, the report and recommendation of the Committee were adopted.

Rev. Messrs. Davies and Banks, Hon. Horace Chase, and F. W. Stanwood, at their request, were excused from further attendance, after this forenoon.

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Hampshire be held in Trinity Church, Claremont, on the last Wednesday of May, 1864, at 9 o'clock A. M.

The Bishop read the following communication to the Convention:

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

When your Bishop, nineteen years ago, took charge of this Diocese, adequate provision for his support was effected by his assuming the Rectorship of Trinity Church, Claremont, a salary from which was added to that derived from the Diocese. The respective duties of the Diocese and Parish he has hitherto performed to the extent of his ability. His former life having been that of a Parish Priest, his connection with Trinity Church has been a source of uninterrupted satisfaction and comfort. With reluctance and pain, therefore, he yields to the conviction, that his steadily increasing infirmities render some change necessary. He cannot, in justice to himself, to the Diocese, or to the Parish which he has served, continue the present arrangement any considerable time longer.

The Bishop, therefore, in grateful remembrance of all that can be happy in the relations of a Bishop, solicits the attention of his brethren, the Clergy and Laity of New Hampshire, to this subject, and begs that such consideration may be given to it as in their judgment the case requires.

CARLTON CHASE, Bishop, &c.

May 27, 1863.

On motion, *Voted*, That a Committee of six be raised by nomination, who shall consider and report upon the foregoing communication of the Bishop.

Rev. Messrs. Hubbard and Davies, Jacob Carter, Esq., Gen. C. H. Peaslee, Arnold Briggs and Benjamin Emerson, Esqs., were chosen to constitute said Committee.

On motion, adjourned to attend divine service, and to meet again at 2 1-2 o'clock this afternoon.

Morning Prayer was read by Rev. Messrs. Coit and Banks.

The Convention Sermon was preached by Rev. T. F. Davies, Jr.

Ephraim L. Whitcome, of Nashua, was then admitted to the holy order of Deacons, the candidate being presented by Rev. D. F. Banks.

The Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Coit and Banks.

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2 1-2 o'clock P. M.

Met agreeably to adjournment.

The Secretary called the roll of the Convention, when the Bishop read his

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

As we meet again in Diocesan Council the first thought which impresses my own mind is, How short the year has been! And at this rate how soon must come the end! Then rises a thought about what we have been doing in the field of our Master. Can we reasonably hope to hear him say, in the day appointed for settling with stewards, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord?" Though my own labors seem to myself to have been but little in results, however onerous in their pressure, yet as I look around I see reason to lift up the voice in thanksgiving and praise to God, whose grace has given us wise and faithful workmen, under whom he has enabled us to record a year of refreshing and increase such as we have not known in the past. This, I trust, will be placed beyond question by the accounts to be now rendered.

I see in my private Journal nothing worthy of being particularly stated here till I come to

July 15, 1862. On that day, with the assistance of several of the Clergy, I consecrated to the service of Almighty God, by use of the solemn forms of the Book of Common Prayer, St. Luke's Church in the city of Nashua. This, besides its local importance, was an event of great interest in the history of the Diocese, especially as respects the happy results of Missionary labor. Of the Clergy there were present the Rev. Drs. Eames and Hubbard, the Rev. Messrs. Davies and Banks, the Rev. Dr. Edson of Massachusetts, the Rev. Messrs. Long of Michigan, and Fisher of New York. The Sermon was delivered by myself. A most devout and attentive congregation filled the Church. I am happy to recognize

here another instance of that most appropriate arrangement by which the choir, whose music on this occasion was of the highest order, is placed at the side of the chancel. We have now five Churches with this arrangement — may we have many more. It is the best in all respects.

In the evening of the same day a Sermon was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Davies, on Christian Missions, — in the morning of the following day, Wednesday, a Sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Hubbard, on Sunday Schools. There was a large attendance of people at each of these services.

I had hoped there would be a general attendance of the Clergy at this Consecration, in order that we might in Convocation confer about Missionary labors in the Diocese. We had, however, some useful interchanges on the subject, and an earnest desire was expressed that our lines of action should be extended. And by the blessing of God they *have* been extended. We have now, I may be permitted to say, an excellent and efficient body of well-learned Clergymen — not numerous, indeed, but of the right sort — and they are laboring with effect.

August 7. An afflictive providence of God in the family of the Rev. Mr. Renouf, called me to Keene, where I performed the funeral service over the remains of his departed wife. It was a mournful office. To her friends, and to the Church, in whose work she was ever engaged, her death was a loss ever to be remembered with sorrow of heart.

Aug. 13. On recommendation by the Standing Committee Mr. Charles L. Hutchins was admitted a candidate for Holy Orders in full.

Aug. 21. I licensed as a Lay Reader at Keene, Mr. Don Herman Woodward — to be guided by the counsel of the Rev. Mr. Renouf.

Aug. 25. Notice from the Bishop of California of the displacement from the Ministry of Henry O. G. Smeathman.

On the same day, being Monday, I visited St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton, confirmed eight persons and delivered an address on the duties and privileges of the confirmed. Prayers were read by the Rev. Francis Chase, who has exercised the holy office here during the last year. His labors appear to have been much blessed. The congregation, I am happy to say, was larger than I have met there on a secular day for very many years. Under a continuance of well-directed labors, I see no reason why this Church may not rise to a condition of vigorous life and health. Such was its condition once — may it be again.

I feel under great obligations to the Rev. Mr. Coit and the Rev. Mr. Valpey for the kind attentions and labors bestowed, amidst the unremitted pressure of other duties, on this Church.

Aug. 26. In the morning of this day the Trustees of St. Paul's School opened their annual meeting — the same standing open through the following day. As in years past, this institution of religion and learning was found to be in a condition every way satisfactory to its friends.

At 5 o'clock P. M., in the Chapel of the School; I preached and gave the rite of confirmation to six persons. A sick man had previously been confirmed in chamber — making seven in all — a good number truly. We have to be thankful that the services of this Chapel and the labors of the conductors of the School are becoming more and more useful to the people who live round about. It would not be strange, if at no distant time a regular parish should be formed in this part of the city of Concord. The Chapel is too small to accommodate all who now desire to enjoy the word and ordinances of the Church in that neighborhood. Of the seven persons presented by the Rev. Rector of the School for confirmation, six were persons not connected with the School.

Aug. 27. *Wednesday.* After a Sermon delivered by the Rev. Mr. Ballard, of Maine, in St. Paul's Church, Concord, I confirmed six persons — of whom Mr. Charles L. Hutchins, a newly admitted Candidate for Holy Orders, was one. Evening Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Hubbard and the Rev. F. Chase. The candidates were presented and the introduction read by Rev. Dr. Eames, the Rector.

Sept 5. By Letter of Transfer from the Diocese of New York, I received Mr. Charles Leland Balch as a Candidate for Holy Orders. Mr. Balch is now a Professor in Norwich University.

Sept. 14. *Sunday.* I visited Trinity Church, Cornish, and preached — divine service being read by the Rev. Mr. Douglass, who during the season was holding two afternoon services in each month. We had a larger congregation than I have usually seen here, though many of the people belonged to Windsor, in Vermont.

In the afternoon of the same day I visited Grace Church, Plainfield, and preached, the Rev. Mr. Douglass again reading Prayers. Here also he gives two afternoon services in each month.

I desire to acknowledge our obligations to the Rev. Mr. Douglass of Windsor, for his kind attention to what remains of these venerable old parishes. In each place there may still be recognized a few names of the sound Church mind of other days. To them the self-denying labors of Mr. Douglass have been a comfort indeed.

Sept. 25. At an Ordination held in Trinity Church, Claremont, I admitted to the Priesthood the Rev. David Francis Banks, Rector elect of St. Luke's Church, Nashua. There were present and assisting the Rev. I. G. Hubbard, D. D., the Rev. Messrs. H. S. Smith, E. A. Renouf, and F. Chase, all of this Diocese, and the Rev. Mr. Douglass of Vermont, who delivered on the occasion a very excellent and appropriate Sermon. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Smith, who assisted in the Communion.

Oct. 1. *Wednesday.* Commenced the session of the General Triennial Convention of our Church at the city of New York, and continued till the 17th. Though depressed in health, I was in daily attendance.

Oct. 23. Mr. Edward Nichols Goddard, a Licentiate of the Con-

gregationalists, was, on due recommendation, admitted a Candidate for Holy Orders in full.

Nov. 2. In Trinity Church, Claremont, by special ministration, I confirmed three persons.

Nov. 18. *Tuesday.* I visited St. James' Parish, Keene, preached and confirmed one person — Rev. Mr. Renouf reading Evening Prayer. Considering the unfavorable state of the weather, I found a congregation unexpectedly numerous. I was happy to find the minds of this interesting flock intensely directed to the great questions which necessarily come up preparatory to the erection of a Church. The present year, I scarcely doubt, will record the blessing of God in the accomplishment of the work.

NOTE.—Since writing the above, I learn with much pleasure, that funds are raised, plans completed, contracts made, and ground actually broken for a stone Church. May the blessing of heaven rest upon so glorious an undertaking.

Nov. 19. I visited St. Luke's Church, Nashua, preached and confirmed seventeen persons. Under circumstances exceedingly unfavorable to attendance, the congregation was large. Additions, as the Rector informed me, were frequently being made to the parish, so that the time must be near when this will be one of our strongest parishes, well able to support itself. Indeed it has already taken this position. The Rev. Mr. Banks has given notice to the Missionary Committee, that further aid will not be solicited.

Nov. 20. I visited Grace Church, Manchester, preached, and confirmed eight persons — the Rev. Dr. Hubbard reading Evening Prayer. This Church, affected as indeed all our Churches are more or less, by the state of the country, is nevertheless in a living and progressive condition. There is still a building debt, for the early extinguishment of which I look trustfully to the divine favor and to the liberal and grateful hearts who worship in that beautiful house of prayer.

Nov. 21. *Friday.* I had made an appointment for Epping on this day — but withdrew it on being informed that a public service on a secular day or evening would have little attendance and be of little use — and that there were no candidates for confirmation. I had visited Epping in the preceding month of May.

Nov. 23. *Sunday.* I made a very pleasant visitation to the ancient and venerable Church of St. John, at Portsmouth — which I was thankful to find in a most happy condition of prosperity under the Rev. Thos. F. Davies, Jr., late of the Diocese of Connecticut, as its Rector. After Morning Prayer, read by him, I read the ante-communion service and preached. After Evening Prayer, it was with peculiar satisfaction and gratitude to God, I saw the open space in front of the chancel filled by persons numbering twenty eight, on whom I laid hands in confirmation. After this I delivered an address of considerable length, which took the place of a sermon. The congregation was larger than I remember to have seen here since the consecration of the Church. I learn with pleasure that at

the annual meeting in Easter Week several measures were adopted looking to and manifesting a high condition of life and growth. Of these, no doubt, something will be said in the Parochial Report.

Being informed by Mr. Davies, that the Rev. Dr. Burroughs had returned to his home in Portsmouth in an infirm and depressed condition of health, I did myself the honor of paying my respects to a venerable clergyman, whose years of devotion to the cause of the Church, of soundness in the faith, and of active labor in the field of duty, reach back so near to the beginning of our Diocesan history. Such names have a record that can never perish.

I think it proper to remark here, that it had been my intention to visit at this time the Church at Dover. But a letter received from the Rector informing me that with consent of his Vestry, he had engaged temporarily as a Chaplain in the Army — his Church, meantime, being supplied by the Rev. Mr. Wingate of Rhode Island, — induced me to defer my visit till the Rector's return, the more especially as there were then no candidates for confirmation. I learn that Mr. Wingate, whose labors have been very useful and acceptable, is there still.

Nov. 24. Returning westward I visited Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge, preached and confirmed two persons, several other candidates not being able to be present. Evening Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Herrick, Rector. The parish was found to be doing exceedingly well, the blessing of God being manifest in Church principles taking a deep hold on the minds of the people.

January 1, 1863. To the Rev. Dexter Potter I gave a Letter Dimissory to Massachusetts.

Feb. 1. Notice from the Bishop of Pennsylvania of the Deposition from the Ministry of Wm. C. Robinson.

Feb. 19. I gave to Mr. Charles L. Hutchins, a Candidate for Holy Orders, a License to act as Lay Reader and Catechist.

While spending a few days of this month in Boston, I was obligingly favored by the Executive Committee of the Trustees of Donations with an interview on the subject of that portion of our Church property now held in trust by them. I am not, however, as the result of that interview, enabled to place before the Convention anything new on that subject. So far as investments and profits are concerned, we have every reason to be satisfied and thankful. The only occasion of regret is, that the property cannot be placed in the hands of our own Trustees, and be managed among ourselves, and its avails applied according to the terms of the original Deed given by the Society for Propagating the Gospel. If I rightly understand the view taken by the Trustees of Donations, they stand ready to make such a transfer whenever the same shall be agreed to by Union Church, Claremont, and Trinity Church, Cornish.

May 3. *Sunday.* In Trinity Church, Claremont, I admitted to the Order of Deacons Mr. Edward Nichols Goddard, who, before asking admission to our Ministry, had acted under a License from the Congregationalists. The sermon on the occasion was de-

livered by the Rev. A. B. Flanders, formerly of this Diocese, now of Rhode Island. The Candidate was presented by the Rev. H. S. Smith, who also read Morning Prayer and assisted in the Communion. Mr. Goddard stands now as a Candidate for the Priesthood.

May 6. I learn with much regret, that a change, important and quite unexpected, has, in the providence of God, just occurred in one of our Churches. The Rev. Mr. Banks has resigned the Rectorship of St. Luke's Church, Nashua, and will soon receive, according to his request, Letters Dimissory to Connecticut. I am happy to announce at the same time, that measures are in progress for effecting a speedy supply of the vacancy, and that, so far as I can judge, the people of that united and growing parish "bate not one jot of heart or hope." This is apparent in the promptitude with which they have proceeded to provide for a continued ministration of word and ordinances.

May 26. In Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge, I administered the Rite of Confirmation to thirteen persons.

By the blessing of God and the ever faithful and ready spirit of brethren in the sacred commission, much good has been done during the year in new fields. And opportunities have been ascertained for introducing our services in various places, where indeed our scanty missionary means do not, just at present, warrant us in exciting strong expectations. But the time, we hope, is not distant.

Under circumstances of most encouraging promise three new parishes have been organized — St. Stephen's at Pittsfield, St. John's at Walpole, and St. Luke's at Charlestown. The last may be regarded perhaps as a revival of an old parish under the same name in the north part of the town, which, its supporters having nearly all died or removed, was many years ago silently dropped from the records of the Diocese. In each of these places an excellent spirit is actively engaged in advancing the cause of the Church. Nor has it often happened in other cases, that "faith and works" have been better rewarded. Present success and indications of a prosperous future are quite remarkable. That these movements began by the Spirit of God and have been carried forward by his blessing, is manifest to all fair observers.

In Charlestown our cause and our friends have been greatly strengthened by the labors of our reverend brethren Tyng, Smith and Oliver. This, if not otherwise proved, is proved by the interesting fact, that means nearly sufficient are raised and measures in progress for erecting a Chapel — that is, a Church on a moderate scale — which, the Lord continuing to show favor, will be ready for Consecration before another winter. There is reason to expect that a numerous class will be ready to offer themselves for confirmation at the opening of the Chapel.

In Walpole there exists a remarkable state of things. Under the ministry of the Rev. Mr. Tyng a work has been done there which fills my heart with joy. St. John's parish is already so strong that it has taken a temporary lease of a commodious house

and offered Mr. Tyng a liberal consideration for each Sunday forenoon in the coming, or rather current, year. To that reverend laborer the Diocese, as well as the local parish, is under large obligation. It is gratifying to know that the whole movement is in strong hands — the hands of God, and the hands of persons whose purposes do not shrink in the day of action. It seems very desirable that this parish and St. Peter's at Drewsville, in the same town, should be served by the same pastor. So far as distance and local convenience are concerned this may be easily done.

Turn we now to Pittsfield, where we have another new organization, the beginning of which, if the circumstances might be related, was of singular interest. Suffice it to say, the Rev. Mr. Sanderson, being providentially on a visit to friends in that quarter, was invited by several gentlemen to give an opportunity to witness the public services of the Church, as well as to preach. He consented. A numerous congregation assembled. The minds of the people were solemnly impressed, and they said, "We would hear thee again of this matter." Arrangements were accordingly made, and again and again a large and attentive congregation came together. At length visits were received from the Rev. Drs. Eames and Hubbard, whose stores of knowledge, long and varied experience, and intimate acquaintance with the spiritual wants of men were just the gifts to show forth and illustrate religion in the Church. On the Monday before Easter was organized under most happy auspices St. Stephen's Church or parish, and I learn with pleasure, that measures are in progress for the erection of a Chapel.

As respects St. Mark's Church, Holderness, I have to state, that the Rev. Mr. Potter, after obtaining, by great exertions, the means to pay the building debt and applying them faithfully to that purpose, suddenly reported his resignation of that post and his acceptance of an invitation to officiate at Laconia. At this place he remained six months. Both of these parishes are now vacant — nor do I see how they can be supplied except by uniting under one clergyman, to which, I am sorry to learn, the people at both places are not favorably disposed. I cannot but wish that our respected friends in those parishes would take the matter into further consideration.

And as this case gives me occasion, I desire to remark generally that great good might often result from such a union of parishes. It would at least, if entered into and sustained cordially and liberally, help the feeble to work upward and onward to better days. In other Dioceses — I might say especially in the Diocese of New York, of which I can speak with the knowledge of an actual observer — this is very common. And as the people look to it with gladness for the means of grace, though the measure received be less than were desirable, so it is found, that individuals under it are made to grow in grace, while the parishes gain in strength from year to year. I pray that in parishes needing missionary aid, God will incline the minds of our friends to regard this expedient more

favorably. The first thing in a parish is, to make sure of being soundly constituted according to the truth and will of our Lord Jesus Christ and the venerable usages of the Church. The next thing is, to become as soon as possible self-supporting. It has been stated by observers, that parishes are not apt to grow much, which depend for a considerable succession of years on missionary or other foreign help. In these cases the eye of faith and the liberal purpose of the heart should always contemplate the attainment, at a day as early as possible in the providence of God, of something like parochial maturity.

But it is seldom a parish is formed, or can be formed, without aid from missionary benevolence and missionary means. And this must be continued for a length of time greater or less according to circumstances.

It may be of interest in this connection to give some account of the means, which in this Diocese go to the support of parishes needing aid. In the first place I observe, that the sum of $600 for the year has been appropriated to this Diocese by the Committee of the General Board of Missions. This, on my recommendation, has been applied thus — $200 to Hanover, $200 to Sanbornton Bridge, and $200 to Epping. In the case of Hanover, circumstances are such that it will long need liberal aid. In the other cases I hope appropriations so large will not be needed long. As respects our Easter collections, I do not, at the time of writing, know the amount for the year — less probably than $200. But this I must say, the amount in years past has been sadly small. Let me beg there may be more liberality in every parish. The income of Church lands in what was formerly the county of Cheshire is variable. That portion of the property now invested in Massachusetts funds, gives an average income of about $465 — of which, by vote of this Convention, $200 goes to the salary of the Bishop. A portion of the income consists in rents of land still under lease — P. C. Freeman, Esq., of Claremont, being the Agent of the Trustees of Donations. Of these rents the collection is uncertain and troublesome — many being in small sums, which must be demanded on the ground, or be lost. The portion of this income remaining after deductions for the standing engagements of the Trustees, is appropriated through my order to the benefit of Churches that need it. In this function and trust, I hardly need say, I have consulted most carefully both conscience and judgment. Appropriations for the past year, or now availing, as follows — to Dover, $100; Epping, $50; Pittsfield, $150; Laconia, $50; Manchester, $100; Hopkinton, $20; Hanover, $30; Plainfield, $24; Cornish, $20; Charlestown, $80; Walpole, $75; Drewsville, $125. These sums amount to more than the annual income from all sources, (including the Easter collections) — not all applying to the same space of time, though all covering some part of the year now ending. Nor is it to be supposed that in all these cases the sums mentioned apply on a full year. In Laconia there were services for six months, in Hopkinton ten Sun-

days, in Plainfield part of eight Sundays, and in Cornish the same.

We have now six Candidates for Holy Orders — and this reminds me to recommend to the most favorable consideration and liberal contributions of our Clergy and people, "the Society for the Increase of the Ministry." We are now drawing benefits from its treasury, and are promised more. Let us honor its purposes, and cheerfully respond to its claims. There are other general Institutions of the Church, which I also recommend to your confidence and your liberality, as "The Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union and Church Book Society," and "The Bible and Common Prayer Book Society." The General Board of Missions of course will not be forgotten.

The number of persons confirmed during the year is ninety-three. The number would probably have been greater, had not sickness during the last two months quite disabled me for my spring visitations. There has been one Ordination to the Priesthood, and two to the Diaconate. One Church has been consecrated, and three new parishes organized.

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity — It is now nineteen years since I first, in virtue of the Episcopal office, took the chair of this Convention. Nor have I, such has been the divine goodness to me, failed to be present at every session. But with all of us time must sooner or later carry its freight of human things into the ocean of eternity. I feel, and have reason to feel, that the day of my own departure cannot be very distant. The day of infirmity and abated strength is already pretty hard upon me. And to the full cares and wants of a large parish and the just demands of a growing Diocese I am not likely in body or mind to be equal. But onward I shall continue to work in the old way, if God helps as he has done, thankful for the kind, indulgent, and forbearing confidence of my brethren, Clerical and Lay, until there shall occur a convenient and acceptable time for change. Abundant labors on the part of a chief Pastor were never more needed by the Diocese than now. And great is the promise of harvest. God grant we may all have strength according to our day.

CARLTON CHASE.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to elect a Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

The chair appointed Rev. Francis Chase and Mr. George G. Ide tellers, who announced the following as elected:

Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard, D. D., Rev. James H. Eames, D. D., Rev. Henry A. Coit, Messrs. William L. Foster, Horace A. Brown, Charles A. Tufts.

Rev. Mr. Renouf proposed an additional Section to Canon III.

which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

On motion, *Voted*, That the Deputies and Provisional Deputies chosen at the last Convention, hold their respective appointments for the present Conventional year.

Rev. Dr. Eames reported without amendment, the additional section to Canon III, proposed by Rev. Mr. Renouf, which was adopted, as follows:

SECT. 3. It shall be the duty of the Wardens of every parish to make a written report to each Convention, of the temporal condition of the parish to which they belong. Such report shall state the value and condition of all real and personal property belonging to the parish, the salary paid to the rector, or officiating minister, and the sources whence it is derived; the indebtedness of the parish, the means for liquidating it, and in general, whatever may exhibit the true condition of its temporal affairs.

The Committee on Nominations, through Rev. Dr. Eames, reported for preacher of the Missionary Sermon, Rev. E. M. GUSHEE; Substitute, Rev. THOMAS G. VALPEY. Preacher of the Convention Sermon, Rev. M. A. HERRICK; Substitute, Rev. H. A. COIT.

On motion, proceeded to elect a Treasurer of the Convention and of the Bishop's Fund, and JUSTUS D. WATSON, Esq., was unanimously re-elected.

Rev. Dr. Eames and Mr. O. A. Clough were appointed upon the committee to whom was referred the Bishop's communication, in place of Rev. Mr. Davies and Jacob Carter, Esq., who were necessarily absent from the Convention.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to procure the printing of 600 copies of the Journal of this Convention.

On motion, the Parochial Reports were presented and read. [See Appendix.]

Mr. Ide offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the several Railroad corporations who have furnished the members of the Convention with free passes to their several homes.

Rev. Mr. Renouf offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the congregation of Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge, for their liber-

al hospitality to both the clerical and lay delegates of this Convention.

Rev. Dr. Hubbard, from the special committee on the Bishop's communication, made a report.

[The object to be accomplished was relief to the Bishop from his parochial duties. Two methods were proposed to the Convention of accomplishing this. 1st. To provide for the entire support of the Bishop by the Convention, so that by resigning the rectorship of his parish he could be freed from all care and anxiety, except what appertains to his Episcopal office. This the committee proposed to do by additional assessments upon the parishes amounting to $450, making the Bishop's salary $900, according to a schedule which they read. 2d. To increase the amount now paid to the Bishop by the Diocese, by assessment, to the amount of $150, leaving the parish of Trinity Church, Claremont, of which the Bishop is rector, to provide the remainder, and enable said parish to procure an assistant. The Committee strongly advocated the first proposition, and it was understood to be preferred by the Bishop. The latter would not effectually relieve the Bishop, or secure for the Diocese the benefit of his entire strength and supervision.]

The report of the committee having been fully considered, a vote was taken upon the first proposition, and it was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Hubbard, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the clergy of this Diocese be returned to Mr. Thomas H. Powers for the valuable copy of the works of Bishop Ezekiel Hopkins, presented to them by him.

On motion, the business of the Convention was suspended till after divine service this evening.

EVENING.

The Finance Committee, by the Rev. Mr. RENOUF, presented the following

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Committee on Finance have examined the Treasurer's re-

ports, with the accompanying vouchers, and find them correct. Also, find the following assessments necessary to meet the expenses of the present year:

St. John's Church, Portsmouth,	$21.00
Union Church, Claremont,	13.00
Trinity Church, Claremont,	10.50
St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	8.00
St. Paul's Church, Concord,	8.50
Trinity Church, Cornish,	2.00
St. Peter's Church, Drewsville,	1.00
Grace Church, Plainfield,	1.00
St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	1.00
St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	1.00
Grace Church, Manchester,	8.50
St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	1.00
St. Luke's Church, Nashua,	1.00
St. James' Church, Keene,	1.50
	$80.00

ASSESSMENTS FOR THE BISHOP'S FUND.

St. John's Church, Portsmouth, (including tythes,)	$200.00
Union Church, Claremont, (including tythes,)	95.00
Trinity Church, Claremont,	110.00
St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	35.00
St. Paul's Church, Concord,	50.00
Trinity Church, Cornish,	10.00
St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	5.00
St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	2.00
Grace Church, Manchester,	35.00
St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	5.00
St. Luke's Church, Nashua,	10.00
St. James' Church, Keene,	15.00
Grace Church, Laconia,	5.00
Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge,	10.00
St. Philip's Church, Epping,	5.00
St. Stephens' Church, Pittsfield,	5.00
St. John's Church, Walpole,	5.00
From a gentleman,	100.00
From Treasurer of donations,	200.00
	$902.00

The Committee recommend the parishes to pay these assessments within the next six weeks, at which time the several bills will be due.

E. A. RENOUF,
J. P. S. OTTERSON,
A. P. CATE,
} Committee.

On motion, the report of the Committee was adopted.

J. D. WATSON, Esq., Treasurer of the Convention and of the Bishop's Fund, being absent, the Rev. Mr. RENOUF presented the annual reports relating to said funds, which were ordered to be printed in the Appendix.

On motion, the Convention suspended its business, that the members might attend the meeting of the Board of Missions.

The Convention was again called to order, when Rev. Dr. EAMES read the following

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

To the 63d Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New Hampshire:

The Standing Committee of the Diocese, through its Secretary, makes the following report of its transactions during the past year.

At the annual Convention of the Diocese held at Grace Church, in Manchester, on the 28th day of May, 1862, the Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard, Rev. James H. Eames, Rev. Henry A. Coit, William L. Foster, Justus D. Watson, and Horace A. Brown, were elected the Standing Committee for the year then ensuing.

At a subsequent meeting of the Standing Committee, held on the same day, Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard, D. D., was chosen President, and William L. Foster, Secretary, of the Committee.

During the past year the Committee have signed the testimonials of Edward N. Goddard, Charles Hutchins and Benjamin A. Rogers as candidates for Holy Orders, and Edward N. Goddard and Ephraim L. Whitcomc for Deacon's Orders.

WM. L. FOSTER, *Secretary.*

There being no further business, after prayers by the President, the Convention adjourned *sine die.*

Attest: HORACE A. BROWN, *Secretary.*

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Morning service of the Church shall be performed every day during the session of the Convention.

2. When the President takes the chair, he shall call the Convention to order, and every member shall remain in his seat, unless he rise to address the chair.

3. The President shall speak to points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convention by any member.

4. When the Convention is equally divided, the President shall decide the question by his vote; and when his vote, if given to the minority, shall make an equal division, it shall also be his duty to vote, and in such case the question shall be lost.

5. When a member is about to speak upon any question, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat and address himself to the President.

6. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

7. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention without leave, if he be able to attend.

8. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without leave of the Convention, nor more than once until every member wishing to speak shall have spoken.

9. Every member who shall be in the Convention when a question is put, shall give his vote, unless excused for special reasons before a division.

10. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President before being debated, and shall be reduced to writing, if so required by the President.

11. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone to a certain time, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely—which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged.

12. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order; that, and the motion to lay on the table, shall always be decided without debate.

13. When a motion has been decided in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member in the majority to move for a reconsideration thereof on the same day.

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

TRINITY CHURCH, CLAREMONT.

RT. REV. CARLTON CHASE, D. D., RECTOR.

CHARLES M. BINGHAM, ARNOLD BRIGGS, } Wardens.

Baptisms: adults, 3; children, 6—9. Confirmed, 3. Communicants, 150. Marriage, 1. Funerals, 4. Easter collection for Diocesan Missions, $20. For General Domestic Missions, $28. Payment to the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese, $29. Alms and offerings going to incidental uses, $75. Salary of the Rector, $500. Number of families, about 90. Parish Library, 150 volumes—Sunday School Library, 380 volumes.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, NASHUA.

REV. D. F. BANKS, RECTOR.

CHAS. CUNNINGHAM, J. P. S. OTTERSON, } Wardens. HARRY S. NOWELL, Clerk. J. P. S. OTTERSON, Treasurer.

Families, 63. Baptisms: adults, 8; infants, 6; total, 14. Communicants, 61. Confirmed, 17. Marriages, 3. Burials, 5. Contributions: Communion Alms, $27.38; Collections for incidental expenses, $45.69; Church building fund, $834. 12; Amount raised by ladies for furnishing church, $346.84; total, $1274.03. I am happy to report that the church is paid for and the parish self-supporting.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, HANOVER.

REV. EDWARD BOURNS, LL. D., RECTOR.

The condition of this parish is not materially changed since I last reported to this Convention. We have had a year of regular services, well attended by an orderly and attentive congregation. The sacrament of the holy communion has been duly administered in connection with the Church at Norwich, and we seem to go on from week to week without any very stirring excitement, but steadily growing in strength; and as we hope and trust, in the knowledge of God and faith in Christ Jesus.

It is not now more than ever possible to set down in any tabular form the precise number of persons belonging to us. In some cases we have but one mem-

ber of a family; in others we have young persons whose parents do not live in the village; several students attend, and of these some who have in other places no Church connection; so that a numerical account of families and communicants would give no fair view of our real condition. We have, during a great part of the year, been deprived of the services of our excellent Warden, Dr. Thos. R. Crosby, M. D. He has gone, like others, to the war as a surgeon. We have had, however, others come in and numerically supply his place, though they do not make up for his absence. We held evening services during a great part of Lent, which were well attended; and throughout the year there has seemed a vitality in all things connected with us that is highly encouraging.

Our Sunday School has been well and vigorously sustained, and is very prosperous. Our superintendent works with unabated zeal; and our excellent band of teachers have labored zealously and efficiently. The scholars have attended regularly and in large numbers. The number on the roll is about eighty; the average attendance is about half that number, varying of course with the weather and the season. There are five male and five female teachers. Our choir have been, as always, prompt kind and efficient. Our young lady collectors for Domestic Missions have not raised a large sum of money, but have done their duty cheerfully and successfully.

We feel continually the benefit of our handsome, convenient little church, and trust that those friends who generously aided us in repairing and altering the old building will have no reason to regret their good work. We have had no visit during the past year from our Bishop, but hope soon to see him, and to prove to him that we are not altogether unprofitable servants.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH.

REV. THOMAS F. DAVIES, JR., RECTOR.

JAMES P. BARTLETT, CHRISTOPHER C. JACKSON, } Wardens. JOHN W. FERNALD, Clerk. JOSHUA W. PEIRCE, Treasurer.

Families, 200. Baptisms: adults, 8; children, 32; total 40. Confirmations, 28. Communicants: lost by death, 9; added by removal, 2; added anew, 25; present number, 177. Marriages, 5. Burials, 26. Sunday School Teachers, 26; scholars, 175. Contributions—Bishop's Salary, $97; Convention Assessment, $21; Society for Increase of the Ministry, $27.08; Diocesan Missions, $57.46; Domestic Missions, $31.00; "American Church Miss. Society," $2.00; Foreign Missions, $22.35; Sick and wounded Soldiers, $493.97; St. Philip's Church, Epping, $170.50; Ladies Missionary Society, $219.00; (in the following sums: To the Bp. for Diocesan Missions, $25; Fairbault, $54; Nashotah, $14; Foreign Missions, $65; American Church in Paris, $25; Parish Library, $11; St. Philip's, Epping, $25;) Communion Alms, $205.04. Total, $1341.90.

Three of the baptisms mentioned above, and three of the burials, were performed by the Rev. Dr. Burroughs; and two burials and one marriage by the Rev. T. B. Bartow, U. S. N. It is proper to state, that by the will of the late Mrs. Rider, the sum of $1050 has been left in trust to the Church, the interest of which is to be appropriated to Parochial, Diocesan and Missionary objects.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CONCORD.

REV. J. H. EAMES, D. D., RECTOR.

DAVID DAVIS, HORACE A. BROWN, } Wardens. — S. C. EASTMAN, Clerk. E. A. ABBOT, Treasurer.

Baptisms: adults, 1; infants, 17; total, 18. Confirmations, 6. Marriages, 3. Deaths, 7. Communicants, 146. Sunday School Scholars, 90; teachers, 12. Domestic Missions, $20. Diocesan Missions, $35. Poor and other Parish purposes, $113. Soldier's Aid, $30.

From the above statistics we see reason to bless God and take courage. The Parish was never in better condition than it is at the present time. And though through the past year we have been carried through clouds and darkness, yet the light of God's countenance has broken through them, and we have been made to realise that He is a present help in every time of need.

From the awful strife raging in our land we have severely suffered. A Gove, a Colby, a Tuttle, a Leaver, and a James, noble men *all*, in their varied spheres of life, have fallen on the battle-field or by disease consequent thereupon. We miss them,—we mourn them,—and yet we believe that our loss is their gain and our country's gain. Others too have laid down their lives in the midst of their quiet homes, both "little ones" and older ones, and with them we doubt not it is well, all well, through Christ our Lord.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, EPPING.

F. S. FISHER, MINISTER.

HORACE C. BACON, WM. H. SAYLES, } Wardens. — D. W. PAYSON, Clerk. G. E. LAWRENCE, Treasurer.

Families, 33. Baptisms, 4, all infants. Communicants, 8. Burials, 3. Sunday School Teachers, 5; scholars, 25. Sunday School and Parish Libraries—number of volumes, 109.

The Missionary entered upon his duties the first Sunday in December, 1862, since which time the Sunday services have been continued without interruption, with occasional services on other Church days. The attendance has been good and is increasing. The people seem to be more and more interested in the worship of the Church. And there appears no reason why this Parish should not be prosperous, and in a comparatively short time, self-sustaining.

We hope, God willing, this Summer, to build a small church, capable of holding 150 persons, for which the land has already been given; about half of the money raised in town and a third among friends of the Church abroad. A third service has been held once in a neighboring town, to be continued as occasion may offer during the Summer, that some may thus be led to our regular service. The regular choir of the Parish still freely give their truly acceptable aid to the worship.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, DOVER.

REV. CHARLES WINGATE, FOR THE RECTOR.

EDWARD COCKING, J. A. RICHARDSON, } Wardens. — JOHN DUXBURY, Clerk. EDWARD COCKING, Treasurer.

Baptisms: adults, 7; infants, 3; total 10. Communicants: added, 6; died,

1; present number, 70. Burials, 8. Sunday School Teachers, 16; Scholars, 87; total, 103. Collections for Missions: Domestic, $13.03; Foreign, $5; Diocesan, $12.73; total, $30.76. S. S. offering for Rev. Dr. Breck's Indian Mission, $5.50; Communion Alms, $72.51; Incidental Expenses, $63.25. Collection for other charitable and religious purposes, $13.81. Bishop's salary and Convention expenses, $27. Contributions of the ladies of the Parish for Sunday School and other Church purposes, $164.26. Total amount of offerings, $377.09.

The Bishop of the Diocese having made a special visit to this Parish in the Spring of last year, the usual autumnal visitation was omitted, and, consequently, there has been no confirmation during the charge of the present incumbent. Five adults have been baptised and admitted to the Holy Communion, being "ready and desirous to be confirmed." Several families have been added to the congregation during the year. There has been a steady increase in the average attendance, and there are many indications of the prosperity and healthy growth of the Parish.

TRINITY CHURCH, SANBORNTON BRIDGE.

REV. M. A. HERRICK, RECTOR.

A. P. CATE, J. WARE BUTTERFIELD, } Wardens. C. C. ROGERS, Clerk. J. F. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

Families, 60. Baptisms: adults, 8; infants, 2; total, 10. Marriage, 1. Burials, 3. Communicants added, 16; present number, 43. Sunday School Scholars, about 30. Teachers, 6. Contributions for Sunday School Library, $30; for Domestic Missions, $10.

GRACE CHURCH, MANCHESTER.

REV. I. G. HUBBARD, D. D., RECTOR.

JOEL TAYLOR, WM. B. WEBSTER, } Wardens. T. W. LITTLE, Clerk. WM. B. WEBSTER, Treasurer.

Families, 100. Baptisms: infants, 11; adults, 2; total, 13. Confirmed, 8. Communicants: added, 18; died or removed, 28; present number, 133. Marriages, 5. Burials, 14. Sunday School teachers, 15; pupils, 108. Communion offerings, $121.77. Monthly Collections, $63.84. Collection for Parish and S. S. Libraries, $26.00. For Christmas Festival, $5.80. Sunday School Penny Collections for Missions, $22.00. For services in Rector's absence, $16.50. Total, $255.92. Out of this sum, besides the objects above specified, there have been sent to Domestic Missions, $32.00. To Foreign Missions, $18.00. To Diocesan Missions, $20.00. To Soldiers' Aid Society, $17.15. Paid towards Church debt, $15.00. To Bishop's salary, $23.00. To Poor, $28.27. For Catechisms, Books, Tracts, Cards, &c., for Sunday School, $21.41.

In addition to the above the ladies have raised $200.00, to be applied toward paying the interest and principal of building debt. $90.00 have been given to the church in Pittsfield. From a clergyman $50.00 have been gratefully received and applied on church building fund.

We have lost an unusually large number, and some most valuable members, by death and removal during the year. But though the place of those who have

served the Church faithfully during years past cannot be made good, the congregation has increased and the effective strength of the parish never was greater. In consequence of the Bishop's illness the confirmation which we expected and for which we were prepared in the spring, was necessarily postponed till fall.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KEENE.

REV. EDWARD A. RENOUF, RECTOR.

T. B. KITTREDGE, W. P. WHEELER, } Wardens. D. H. WOODWARD, Clerk and Treasurer.

Families, 32. Individuals, 22. Total number of persons, 125. Baptisms: adults, 2; children, 2; total, 4. Confirmed, 1. Communicants: added, 2; died, 1; removed, 2; present number, 41. Funerals: adults, 3; children, 3; total, 6. Marriages, 2. Public Services: Sundays, 99; other days, 16; total, 115. The Holy Communion was administered publicly 15 times; privately, 6 times; total, 21 times. A Bible Class has been instructed by the Rector in the Catechism of the Thirty Nine Articles. Two services were conducted at Epping, N. H., by the Rector, on the second Sunday in June. During his absence for three Sundays during the year, divine service was held, and a sermon read by D. H. Woodward, Esq., who has been licensed by the Bishop to act as a lay reader.

Our Church contributions have been $112.37. Besides meeting the assessments for diocesan purposes, there have been given for the Soldiers' Aid Society, $14.91; for Domestic Missions, $10.31; for Foreign Missions, $8.64; and for Diocesan Missions, $13.59. The remainder has been devoted to parochial purposes. Our Sunday School collections amount to $29.63. These are to be appropriated towards furnishing the new Church edifice we are now erecting. The School has about 30 pupils, with 8 teachers and a libriarian. The scholars have been once publicly catechized.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle have continued their meetings during the year. The Bishop visited us last Fall, administering confirmation, and a small class is awaiting his next visit.

The Parish, having taken action to build a Church edifice of stone, and a subscription and pledges amounting to $6,000 having been already secured, the Building Committee have made a contract for the materials and stone work with Messrs. Walton & Nourse, and for the wood work with Mr. H. P. Muchmore. On Ascension Day, after a short address and brief religious services, ground was broken for the erection of the Church edifice. The work is now going on, and it is expected that the corner-stone will be laid before the close of June.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, PITTSFIELD.

REV. J. A. SANDERSON, MINISTER OFFICIATING.

BENJAMIN EMERSON, SCOTT FRENCH, } Wardens. EDWARD O. SANDERSON, Clerk. W. A. MACK, Treasurer.

Services in accordance with the rites and usages of the Protestant Episcopal Church were first held in Pittsfield, on Sunday, the 12th day of October, 1862, in the Congregational Meeting House, by the Rev. J. A. Sanderson of the Diocese of Connecticut. A goodly number being interested, a hall was soon rented and the worship of Almighty God was regularly commenced on the first Sunday after

Christmas. The Parish was organized March 30th, 1863. We are happy to state that a Church sufficient for the wants of the Parish is soon to be built. We have been very much assisted in this good work by the Rev. Dr. Eames of Concord, the Rev. Dr. Hubbard of Manchester, and several other clergymen of the Diocese.

UNION CHURCH, CLAREMONT.

REV. H. S. SMITH, RECTOR.

Communicants: added, 2; died, 3; present number, 42. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 12; six not of the parish. Collections: for Domestic Missions, $6; for Diocesan, $2; for Sunday School Library, $5; Alms, $5.33. The Sunday School has been much reduced by the withdrawal of the older scholars, there being few children in the parish to fill their places. If all these were gathered, which may be done this summer, the school will number about 20 pupils and 4 teachers.

The social gathering at the rectory, at the beginning of the year, was of uncommon interest and profit, especially to the Rector. The pleasure of the interview was greatly increased by the attendance of several members from St. Luke's Church, Charlestown, who for the time being claimed connection with Union Church, the Rector having officiated one Sunday in a month through the past winter at that place, and where a Church has been recently organized with about twenty communicants, under very encouraging prospects. The means for building a house of worship are in hand, a site secured, and contracts made for its erection forthwith.

To me, it is a pleasing reminiscenee that in November, 1837, I made my first appointment to preach in this my native State, at North Charlestown, N. H., fulfilling the appointment the 26th Sunday after Trinity, continuing to preach at that place and at Cornish on alternate Sundays till the following Easter, when I was invited to take Union Church in connection with Trinity Church, Cornish, instead of St. Luke's, which latter Church, after one or two years, gave up its organization. Now, that I should be permitted, after the lapse of a quarter of a century, not only to see the Church rising again in Charlestown but to exercise the ministry in aid of its revival, is not only a cause for my rejoicing but of devout gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, to whom all praise is due.

Union Church, one of the oldest, if not *the* oldest in the Diocese, and her Rector, by years the senior Rector in the Diocese, acknowledge the high compliment paid them in the action of the last Convention. It would seem by the record, that an inquiry arose at the close of the session, relative to the absence of the representatives of old Union Church, Clerical and Lay. The Rector, of course, is in duty bound to give an account of his delinquency; and to do so in the fewest words, he quotes from his report to that Convention the following words, viz: "the present ill health of the Rector." Perhaps this was not read in the Convention, for sickness is commonly received as a valid excuse for the nonperformance of even the most important duties devolving upon us; and it is the only one I can give for not attending the last two annual Conventions of this Diocese.

If the Rector of Union Church were allowed to ask, where are the Rev. Brothers and Rectors whom he met in the councils of this Church twenty and

twenty-five years ago? the brief, yet momentous reply would be—*"gone, all gone,"* —some to their final reward. But it is not my prerogative to urge the solemn reflection suggested by the reply to this interrogation upon my Reverend Brethren present.

ST. PETER'S, DREWSVILLE.

Regular services have been performed in this Church during the past year, until Easter, when I terminated my connection with this Parish. I have no special offices or results to report.

ST. LUKE'S, CHARLESTOWN.

This Parish, in which I have continued my labors through the year past, is now fully organized, and will apply for admission into the Diocese at the ensuing Convention. They will complete this summer a neat Church, from designs kindly furnished by Upjohn, and I trust will continue to be graciously prospered.

ST. JOHN'S, WALPOLE.

Has been founded and organized during the past year, with very encouraging prospects. This Church will also present itself for admission and representation at the next Convention. And thus two new Churches, as beacons and blessings, are planted in this beautiful Connecticut valley.

JAMES H. TYNG, Minister.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, HOPKINTON.

HERMAN W. GREENE, HORACE CHASE, } Wardens.

GEO. G. PHELPS, Clerk.
GEO. W. CURRIER, Treasurer.

Families, 23. Individuals, from 80 to 90. Baptisms, 2, young boys, by Rev. Henry A. Coit, of St. Paul's School, Concord. Communicants added since last report, 9; removed, 2; present number, 30. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, none. Burials, none. Sunday School Teachers, 5; scholars, 25. Missionary Contributions: Domestic, $10. Foreign, $5.15. Other contributions, about $42.90. In addition to this, the Parish has raised by subscription $43.50 for painting the exterior wood work of the Church edifice, which is now nearly completed.

The last report of the condition of St. Andrew's Church was by Rev. Francis Chase, then officiating as Pastor, where he continued till November last, when, on account of ill health, he resigned his charge, greatly to the regret of the whole parish, to whom as a zealous, devoted and faithful minister of Christ they had become greatly attached. From November to February last Rev. N. F. Ludlum supplied the pulpit. Since February the desk has been gratuitously supplied two Sundays in a month by Rev. H. A. Coit, by officiating himself in person or supplying a lay reader, when there is generally a good attendance.

We should do great injustice to the Rev. Mr. Coit, and violence to our own feelings, in closing this report without expressing to him our heartfelt thanks and grateful acknowledgments for his liberality in thus voluntarily ministering to our spiritual wants, and for the interest he has manifested for the temporal and spiritual interests of this little Church. We would not forget the great praise due to Miss C. C. P. Lerned, for her superior services and voluntary exertions in organizing and superintending the Sunday School, and instructing the children in singing, for which the Parish feel under special obligation.

We hope the time is not far distant when we may be supplied with a permanent Pastor, and that this Church may increase in numbers and grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

HORACE CHASE, Warden.

TRINITY CHURCH, CORNISH, and GRACE CHURCH, PLAINFIELD.

To the Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of N. H.:

RT. REV. SIR—During the summer and fall of 1862, I have officiated both in Trinity Church, Cornish, and in Grace Church, Plainfield. My services in Cornish were held on the afternoons of the 1st and 3d Sundays of the month, at 2 o'clock; and were attended by a congregation numbering usually from 40 to 60 persons. The choir was made up wholly of Cornish people and discharged its important duty in a most creditable manner. The church building is very much in need of repairs for its due protection from the weather, especially during the winter season. I have attended one funeral in Cornish. Communicants, 12.

My services at Plainfield were held in the Union Church, on the afternoons of the 2d and 4th Sundays of the month, at 5 o'clock, and were attended by an excellent congregation, numbering scarcely less than 70 at any time. The choir was well conducted under the leadership of Mr. Wm. Johnson, of Plainfield. A few extra Prayer Books for the use of strangers in these services would be found useful. At the house of Seth Johnson, Esq., of Plainfield, I held a service commemorative of the death of a son, who died and was buried in Oregon. Communicants, 8.

From one or two of the families in Cornish, and from several of the Plainfield people, I have during the past winter received some useful donations, which I gratefully accept as an earnest of the growing disposition of the people to contribute themselves in some small way towards the ministrations of the gospel.

MALCOLM DOUGLASS, Minister officiating.

REPORT OF THE CHAPEL OF ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL.

Baptisms: children, 5; two of which are reported from St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton, adults, 5; total, 10. Confirmations, 7. Communicants: added, 15; removed, 7; died, 2; present number, 26. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 2. Services on all Sundays and Holy days. Sunday School Scholars, 28. Teachers, the same as last year. Contributions: Domestic Missions, $20; Foreign Missions, $64; Diocesan Missions, $20; St. Luke's, Nashua, $35; St. Andrew's, Hopkinton, $25; St. Stephen's Mission, Boston, $15; Northern Convocation, (Diocese of New York,) $25; Mission at Centreville, N. Y., $15; Society for the Increase of the Ministry, $30; Soldiers' Aid Society, $50; Prayer Books to 9th N. H. Regiment, $10; total, $309.00. HENRY A. COIT.

THE undersigned begs respectfully to report that he remained connected with St. Paul's School and the Parish of St. Andrew's, Hopkinton, from the time of the last Convention till the end of October. At that time, by advice of physicians, he felt obliged to relinquish those two places, that his eyes might have an opportunity to recover their impaired strength. It was with much regret that he

did so, his associations with both having been most delightful and interesting. The statistics for St. Andrew's from May to November, are included in the regular report from that parish.

Since November, the undersigned has resided at Claremont, officiating but very little, and hoping anxiously for renewed powers of usefulness.

FRANCIS CHASE, Presbyter.

Claremont, May 27, 1863.

To the Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase:

DEAR BISHOP—I have the honor to report that on the 10th of July last I received the appointment of Chaplain to the Ninth Regiment N. H. V., then stationed at Camp Colby, Concord. I made arrangement for a years' absence from my parish, obtaining the services of my friend, the Rev. Charles Wingate, for that time.

On the 25th of September the Regiment left the State for Washington, and was immediately assigned to a brigade of the Ninth Army Corps, commanded by Gen. Burnside. The regiment was engaged in the battles of South Mountain and Antietam, Md., and in the great battle of Fredericksburg, Va. The last part of February the Ninth Army Corps was removed from Falmouth to Newport News, and the next month ordered to the West. I write from Richmond, Kentucky.

During this time I have frequently been enabled to celebrate the Lord's day by the regular service of the Church and sermon, although the inclemency of the weather and duties of the camp often prevent such services. Beside regimental service on Sunday I have had regular daily prayer at dress parade, many voluntary services in my tent, prayer and short visitations of the sick in the hospital. Thanksgiving and Christmas days I held service and preached, by request of Gen. Nagle, before the Brigade at his headquarters. I report 18 burials.

There is a great necessity for religious teaching and admonition in our army, and I trust and pray that the good offices of the Church *in this regiment*, may bring forth fruit to the glory of God and result in the saving of many a soul.

E. M. GUSHEE,

Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Dover, and Chaplain of the Ninth N. H. V.

U. S. FLAG SHIP MINNESOTA, OFF NEWPORT NEWS, VA., May 20th, 1863.

To the Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of N. H.:

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR—During the period intervening my last report and July 25th, 1862, I was engaged on duty at the New York Naval Hospital. Besides my regular Sunday Services, I read our beautiful Burial Service over the mortal remains of ten sailors, whose deaths were occasioned by untiring discharge of duty in the service of their country. On the 25th of July, 1862, I was ordered to this ship, then stationed at Norfolk, Va. There I had the melancholy duty of burying two officers and five sailors from this ship. In October last our anchorage was removed to our present position. Since that period I have "consigned to the dust" six sailors, who died from ordinary sickness, and five who fell in battle, valiantly defending the noblest cause that ever engaged the energies of patriots. In all this period, in addition to my regular Sunday services, I have, during the winter, held a Wednesday evening service specially for the sailors. Their evident and increasing interest in these services leads me to hope that they have proved of no little advantage to their spiritual well-being.

Very respectfully and truly yours,

THOMAS G. SALTER, Chaplain U. S. N.

REPORT OF REV. CHARLES BURROUGHS, D. D.

During the last year I have baptised three children, and have attended three funerals. I have preached and administered the communion frequently and at various places.

CHARLES BURROUGHS.

Portsmouth, N. H., May 20, 1863.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Towns.	Parishes.	Rectors.	Baptisms.			Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sund. Sch'ls.		Missionary Contributions.			Other contributions for religious purposes.
			Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Added.	Died or removed.	Present number.				Teachers.	Scholars.	Diocesan.	Domestic.	Foreign.	
Claremont,	Trinity,	Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase D. D.	6	3	9			150		1	4			$20.00	$28.00		$604.00
Nashua,	St. Luke's,	Rev. David F. Banks,	6	8	14			61	17	3	5						1274.03
Hanover,	St. Thomas',	Rev. Edward Bourns, LL. D.,										10	80				
Concord,	Chapel of St. Paul's Sch'l,	Rev. Henry A. Coit,	5	5	10	15	2	26	7	1	2	4	28	20.00	20.00	$64.00	205.00
Portsmouth,	St. John's,	Rev. Thomas F. Davies, Jr.,	32	8	40	27	9	177	28	5	26	26	175	57.46	31.00	22.35	1230.89
Concord,	St. Paul's,	Rev. James H. Eames, D. D.,	17	1	18		7	146	6	3	7	12	90	35.00	20.00		145.00
Epping,	St. Philip's,	Rev. Frederic S. Fisher,	4		4			8			3	5	25				
Dover,	St. Thomas',	Rev. Edward M. Gushee,	3	7	10	6	1	70			8	16	87	12.73	13.03	5.00	326.33
Sanbornton Bridge,	Trinity,	Rev. Marcellus A. Herrick,	2	8	10	16		43	15	1	3	6	30		10.00		
Manchester,	Grace,	Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard, D. D.,	11	2	13	18	28	133	8	5	14	15	108	20.00	32.00	18.00	475.92
Keene,	St. James',	Rev. Edward A. Renouf,	2	2	4	1	3	41	1	2	6	8	30	13.59	10.31	8.64	112.37
Pittsfield,	St. Stephens',	Rev. James A. Sanderson,															
Claremont,	Union,	Rev. Henry S. Smith,				2	3	42		3	12	4	20	2.00	6.00		10.33
Walpole (Drewsville)	St. Peter's,	Rev. James H. Tyng,															
Charlestown,	St. Luke's,																
Walpole,	St. John's,																
Hopkinton,	St. Andrews',	Vacant,	2		2	9	2	30	8			5	25		10.00	5.15	86.40
Plainfield,	Grace,	Vacant,						8									
Cornish,	Trinity,	Vacant,						12			1						
Holderness,	St. Mark's,	Vacant,					*										
Laconia	Grace,	Vacant,												*			
			90	44	134	95	55	947	90	24	91	111	698	180.78	180.34	123.14	4470.27

DIOCESE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

J. D. WATSON, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE BISHOP'S FUND. DR.

nount received of Trustees of Donations, &c.,			$200.00
" " the following named Parishes, as assessed by Convention, viz:			
St. John's Church, Portsmouth,		$97.00	
Union Church, Claremont,		54.00	
Trinity Church, Claremont,		29.00	
St. Thomas' Church, Dover,		20.00	
St. Paul's Church, Concord,		25.00	
St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,		1.00	
Grace Church, Manchester,		23.00	
St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,		1.00	
St. Luke's Church, Nashua,		1.50	
St. James' Church, Keene,		2.50	
Grace Church, Laconia,		1.00	$255.00
			$455.00
Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge,			4.00
			$459.00

CONTRA, CR.

May 28.	By balance due Treasurer, brought forward,	$3.69	
May.	By amount paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Chase, his salary one year to June 1, 1863,	$450.00	$453.69
	Balance in hands of Treasurer,		5.31
			$459.00
Due from Trinity Church, Cornish,		$5.00	
" St. Mark's Church, Holderness,		1.00	
Total,		$6.00	

Respectfully submitted,
JUSTUS D. WATSON, Treasurer.

nchester, May 27, 1863.

DIOCESE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

J. D. WATSON, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE DIOCESE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE. DR.

May 28.	To balance brought from last account,		$16.47
May 27.	To amount received of the following named Parishes as assessed by Convention, viz:		
St. John's Church, Portsmouth,		$21.00	
Union Church, Claremont,		13.00	
Trinity Church, Claremont,		10.50	
St. Thomas' Church, Dover,		8.00	
St. Paul's Church, Concord,		8.50	
Grace Church, Plainfield,		1.00	
St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,		1.00	
Grace Church, Manchester,		8.50	
St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,		1.00	

		St. Luke's Church, Nashua,.....	1.00	
		St. James' Church, Keene,.....	1.50	$75.00
				$91.47

CONTRA, CR.

1862.	Dec. 26.	By amount paid Herman Cope, Treasurer General Convention, the quota belonging to this Diocese, towards the contingent expenses of said Convention,.....	$34.00	
1863.	May 2.	By amount paid Wm. Butterfield for printing 600 copies of Journal for 1862,.....	42.00	
		By amount paid H. A. Brown for postage and stationery,.....	1.70	
		By amount paid J. D. Watson for postage and stationery,.....	.80	$78.50
		Balance in hands of Treasurer,.....		12.97
				$91.47

Due from Trinity Church, Cornish,.....$2.00
" St. Peter's Church, Drewsville, ... 1.00
" St. Mark's Church, Holderness,..... 1.00

Total,.....$4.00

Respectfully submitted,
JUSTUS D. WATSON, Treasurer.

Manchester, May 27, 1863.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

FRANCIS CHASE, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE BOARD OF MISSIONS. DR.

1862.	May 31.	To balance on hand,.....	$116.17
	Nov. 8.	To check from St. John's Church, Portsmouth,.....	32.12
1863.	Mar. 24.	" " " "	37.50
	" 27.	To cash from St. Paul's School Chapel,.....	20.00
	Apl. 10.	" " St. James' Church, Keene,.....	13.59
	May 23.	" " Trinity Church, Claremont,.....	20.00
	" 27.	" " Union Church, Claremont,.....	2.00
	" "	" " Grace Church, Manchester,.....	20.00
			$261.38

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1862.	Dec. 12.	By paid expenses of Rev. T. G. Valpey to Epping,.....	$3.00	
1863.	Jan. 6.	By cash to Rev. Dr. Bourns, by Bishop's order, ...	30.00	
	Mar. 30.	By cash to Rev. C. Wingate, Dover, by Bishop's order,.....	50.00	
	May 27.	By cash to Rev. J. A. Sanderson, Pittsfield, by Bishop's order,.....	75.00	$158.00
		Balance on hand, May 27, 1863,.....		$103.38

FRANCIS CHASE, Treasurer B. D. M.

CERTIFICATE OF LAY DELEGATES.

At the Annual Parish Meeting of ——— Church of ———, on the ——— day of ———, [last, or inst.,] A — B —, C — D, and E — F—, were duly elected Delegates to the Convention of this Diocese, to be held at ———, on ——— next, and that G — H —, I — K —, and L — M —, were also chosen as substitutes.

(Signed,) ——— ———, *Parish Clerk.*

[Or *Rector* or *Warden*, as the case may be.]

NOTICE.

The Sixty-fourth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of New Hampshire, will be held in Trinity Church, Claremont, on the last Wednesday in May, 1864, at 9 o'clock A. M.

HORACE A. BROWN,

Secretary of the Convention.

Concord, June, 1863.

Diocese of New-Hampshire.

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HELD IN

TRINITY CHURCH, CLAREMONT,

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 1864.

CONCORD:
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CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

Rt. Rev. CARLTON CHASE, D. D., Bishop, residing in Claremont.
Rev. LEONIDAS B. BALDWIN, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Nashua.
Rev. EDWARD BOURNS, LL. D., Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Hanover.
Rev. FRANCIS CHASE, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Charlestown.
Rev. HENRY A. COIT, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's School, Concord.
Rev. THOMAS F. DAVIES, Jr., Rector of St. John's Church, Portsmouth.
Rev. JAMES H. EAMES, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Concord.
Rev. FREDERIC S. FISHER, Deacon, officiating in St. Philip's Church, Epping.
Rev. MARCELLUS A. HERRICK, Rector of Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge.
Rev. WILLIAM A. HITCHCOCK, Chaplain in the Navy of the United States.
Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, D. D., Rector of Grace Church, Manchester.
Rev. JOHN M. PECK, Rector of Trinity Church, Claremont.
Rev. EDWARD A. RENOUF, Rector of St. James' Church, Keene.
Rev. THOMAS G. SALTER, Chaplain in the Navy of the United States.
Rev. WILLIAM SCHOULER, Jr., Deacon, connected with St. Paul's School, Concord.
Rev. HENRY S. SMITH, Rector of Union Church, Claremont.
Rev. JAMES H. TYNG.
Rev. THOMAS G. VALPEY, Deacon, Teacher in St. Paul's School, Concord.

Rev. HENRY HAZARD, Ecclesiastically connected with the Church in Canada—officiating in St. Mark's Church, Holderness.

OFFICERS OF THE DIOCESE.

Standing Committee.—Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, D. D., President, Manchester; Rev. JAMES H. EAMES, D. D., Rev. HENRY A. COIT, D. D.; WM. L. FOSTER, Esq., Concord, Secretary; HORACE A. BROWN, Hon. CHARLES A. TUFTS.

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Delegates to the General Convention.—Rev. JAMES H. EAMES, D. D., Rev. HENRY A. COIT, D. D., Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, D. D., Rev. MARCELLUS A. HERRICK, Col. DAVID DAVIS, SIMEON IDE, Esq., Hon. CHARLES A. TUFTS, WILLIAM P. WHEELER, Esq.

Provisional Deputies.—Rev. FRANCIS CHASE, Rev. EDWARD A. RENOUF, Rev. THOMAS F. DAVIES, Jr., Hon. CHARLES H. PEASLEE, O. A. CLOUGH, ALBERT R. HATCH, Esq.

Board of Diocesan Missions.—THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, *ex officio*, Chairman, Claremont; Rev. FRANCIS CHASE, Secretary and Treasurer, Charlestown.

Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.—Rev. HENRY A. COIT, D. D., WM. P. WHEELER, Esq.

Treasurer of the Convention.—JOHN W. MOORE, Manchester.

Secretary and Registrar of the Convention.—HORACE A. BROWN, Concord.

PROCEEDINGS.

TRINITY CHURCH, CLAREMONT,
Wednesday, May 25, 1864.

This being the day fixed by the Constitution for holding the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Hampshire, the Right Reverend CARLTON CHASE, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, with a number of the Clergy and Laity, assembled at Trinity Church, Claremont, agreeably to a resolution passed at the sixty-third Annual Convention of said Church, held at Sanbornton Bridge, May, 1863.

The first service connected with the Convention was held on Tuesday evening, when the Rev. THOMAS G. VALPEY preached the Annual Missionary Sermon, Evening Prayer being read by the Rev. Messrs. HAZARD and HERRICK.

The Convention was called to order on Wednesday morning, at 9 o'clock, by the Rt. Rev. President, the Bishop of the Diocese.

The Bishop laid upon the Secretary's table a list of the Clergy of the Diocese, canonically members of the Convention, which being called, the following answered to their names, and took seats in the Convention:

Rt. Rev. CARLTON CHASE, D. D.;
Rev. LEONIDAS B. BALDWIN;
Rev. EDWARD BOURNS, LL. D.
Rev. FRANCIS CHASE;
Rev. HENRY A. COIT, D. D.;
Rev. THOMAS F. DAVIES, Jr.;
Rev. JAMES H. EAMES, D. D.;
Rev. FREDERIC S. FISHER;
Rev. MARCELLUS A. HERRICK;
Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, D. D.;
Rev. JOHN M. PECK;

Rev. Edward A. Renouf;
Rev. Henry S. Smith;
Rev. Thomas G. Valpey.

The certificates of Lay Delegates were presented and referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Mr. Renouf and Arnold Briggs, who subsequently reported the following persons as entitled to seats in the Convention:

St. John's Church, Portsmouth.....	*Albert R. Hatch,
	Charles H. Peaslee,
	Lory Odell.
Trinity Church, Claremont,.....	*Arnold Briggs,
	*Charles F. Long,
	*George G. Ide.
St. Paul's Church, Concord.....	*David Davis,
	*Franklin Low,
	Charles S. Eastman.
St. Luke's Church, Nashua.....	*Charles Cunningham,
	Benjamin Nutt,
	John Hinton.
Grace Church, Manchester,.....	John W. Moore,
	G. W. Stratton,
	*John Truesdale.
St. Thomas' Church, Dover.....	C. W. Woodman,
	*Charles A. Tufts,
	James A. Richardson.
Trinity Church, Cornish.....	*Seth Johnson,
	David H. Chase.
St. Philip's Church, Epping.....	*George E. Lawrence,
	*James B. Pearson,
	*James H. Bartlett.
Union Church, Claremont,.....	*Solon C. Grannis,
	*William Ellis,
	Henry Hubbard.
St. Luke's Church, Charlestown,.....	*Porter Spencer,
	*William B. Downer.
St. James' Church, Keene,.....	*T. B. Kittredge,
	W. P. Wheeler,
	*George Ticknor.

* Present.

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.....*C. S. P. Sanderson.
F. B. Berry.
H. A. Tuttle.

St. Mark's Church, Holderness,.....*Norman J. Bond.

The report was accepted, and the roll having been called, delegates present were admitted to seats in the Convention.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to choose a Secretary, and HORACE A. BROWN, of Concord, was unanimously re-elected.

Resolved, That clergymen officiating in this Diocese, not canonically members of this Convention, and clergymen of other Dioceses, and candidates for Orders, who may be present, be admitted to seats in this Convention.

Under this resolution there were present Rev. Malcolm Douglass, of the Diocese of Vermont, and Rev. Henry Hazard, of the Diocese of Montreal.

On motion, the Rules of Order for last year were adopted for the government of this Convention.

The President appointed the following Committees:

On Finance—Rev. Dr. Hubbard, Mr. Geo. G. Ide, Mr. Albert R. Hatch.

On Constitution and Canons—Rev. Dr. Coit, Rev. Mr. Davies, Mr. Arnold Briggs.

On New Parishes—Rev. Dr. Eames, Rev. Mr. Herrick, Mr. C. A. Tufts.

On Nominations—Rev. Dr. Hubbard, Rev. Dr. Bourns, Mr. David Davis.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to prepare and print upon the third page of the cover of the Journal of this Convention, a form for parochial reports.

On motion, Rev. Mr. Davies was joined to the committee raised by the foregoing resolution.

On motion, the business of the Convention was suspended for divine service.

Morning prayer was read by Rev. Drs. Eames, Bourns, and Hubbard.

The Convention sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Herrick.

Rev. L. B. Baldwin, Deacon, was admitted to the Priesthood.

The Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Eames and Rev. Mr. Peck.

After divine service the Convention adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

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3 o'clock P. M.

Met agreeably to adjournment.

The Secretary called the roll of the Convention, when the Bishop read his

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Beloved Brethren,
The Clergy and Laity of this Convention:

This is the twentieth year of my Episcopate, and this my nineteenth Annual Address. As I look over our Diocesan history for twenty years, I see much for which I am profoundly thankful to the mercy and grace of God; but still more do I seem to see that shames and humbles me. Since we last met I have had new and special occasion to review the past. The depressed state of my health, my severance from parochial relations, and the dark clouds hanging over our country, have given rise to meditations and feelings of peculiar character and interest. But the blessing of God has rested on the Church. Never, apparently, has there been a greater increase of life and strength. This, I trust, will in some degree appear by the account which I am about to render, though there is much in our prospects of future good of which it is not proper for me now to speak. God is working for us in ways of his own, as time will show.

Our last Convention was held in Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge. The meeting was one of unusual interest—the number of Clergymen present being larger than ever before; so also of laymen. After Morning Prayer, Mr. Ephraim L. Whitcome was admitted to the holy order of Deacons—being presented by the Rev. Mr. Banks.

May 29. I gave to the Rev. David F. Banks a Letter Dimissory to the Diocese of Connecticut.

May 30. Notice from the Bishop of Indiana of the deposition from the Ministry of George T. Dougherty, M. D.

June 1. On this day I presented to the Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Church, Claremont, my resignation of the Rectorship of that Church in the words following:

"Diocese of New-Hampshire.

"*To the Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Church.*

"*Dear Brethren:* Proceedings in the late Convention, by which

the Diocese assumes my full support, and solicits for itself my undivided cares and labors, make it my duty to resign the Rectorship of your Church. This I beg leave now to do. And in doing it, I assure you, Brethren, that my connection of nineteen years with Trinity Church has afforded me innumerable occasions of happy and grateful remembrance. As your Bishop I shall still be in your service, and shall be most happy at all times to do what I can for Trinity Parish.

"With much affection and respect,

"Yours in most holy bonds,

"CARLTON CHASE."

On the 27th of July next following, this communication was acted upon by the Wardens and Vestry, who agreed to my resignation, and adopted Resolutions of a character highly complimentary and grateful to my feelings.

June 4. Having examined the Letters of Orders presented by the Rev. Henry Hazard, late of Canada, purporting to be signed and sealed by the Right Reverend, the Lord Bishop of Quebec, and being satisfied of their authenticity—having also received many testimonials of his good character and useful ministry, I consented to his officiating at Holderness, which I understood to be the desire of the people there.

Notice from the Bishop of Maryland of the deposition from the Ministry of Matthias L. Forbes.

June 17. By Letter Dimissory from the Bishop of New-York, I received into this Diocese the Rev. Frederic Shubael Fisher, A. B., a Deacon. He took charge of the new Parish in Epping, where, I have reason to think, his labors have been eminently useful.

June 20. Notice from the Bishop of New-Jersey of the deposition from the Ministry of George Hubbard.

June 21—*Sunday*. I visited St. Thomas' Church, Hanover, and preached twice—prayers being read by the Rev. Francis Chase, and the Lessons by the Rev. Dr. Bourns, Missionary in charge. It is more than a year since my last Visitation. I was impressed with the advanced state of things, as respected the Parish generally. Never before have I heard here such a volume of response. The Congregation was large in both parts of the day; and it was gratefully refreshing to hear such a full swell of responsive voices. The music, in quartette, was such as all must admire. And here it is but right to express my acknowledgments to the learned and excellent gentlemen who so ably occupy the Chairs of education in Dartmouth College, for the kind, courteous, and honorable spirit manifested by them in regard to our humble labors in their vicinity. To them it will not be chargeable, if we labor in vain.

June 26. I attended in Boston a meeting of the Trustees of St. Paul's School—the object being to consider and decide upon certain designs of Mr. Upjohn the architect, for improving the School buildings.

June 28—*Sunday.* On this day I preached twice in Keene, the Rev. Mr. Renouf reading prayers.

June 30—*Tuesday.* In the same place I laid the corner stone of St. James' Church, an address of much ability being delivered by the Rev. Dr. Hubbard. We first had Morning Prayer in the Hall, which was read by the Rev. Dr. Eames and the Rev. Mr. Oliver, of Bellows Falls; after which I confirmed one person. The Rev. Mr. Renouf, Rector, was actively engaged in all the services.

July 2. On recommendation by the Rev. S. H. Hilliard, I gave a license to Mr. Alfred B. Baker to act as Lay Reader and Catechist in Conway and parts adjacent.

July 13—*Monday.* I visited St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton, and preached. Evening Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Hubbard and the Rev. Francis Chase. By the latter the children, numbering about 25, were carried through the Catechism, and appeared to great advantage. The Misses Lerned and others have taken unwearied pains in the instruction of this School. It always appears well. This Church will be referred to again.

July 14, 15, *and* 16. I passed these days at St. Paul's School, in attendance on the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, and the annual examination of the youths pursuing study. They were days of almost exhaustive interest. This is a model school for any country. I take pleasure in recording that I never witnessed better evidence of skilful teaching, and wise and faithful training. It is visible in the School Room, the Chapel, the play ground, the dining hall, the dormitory, and everywhere. The Institution is a blessing and an honor to the Diocese, and to the Church generally. The Trustees, having in hand the means, decided on making improvements in the buildings, according to the designs of Mr. Upjohn. In the evening of the 14th I confirmed four persons in the chapel—a sermon being delivered by the Rev. Wm. C. Doane, of Hartford, Conn.

July 19—*Sunday.* I made my first Visitation to St. Stephen's Parish at Pittsfield—a new organization. In a convenient hall I preached twice, Divine Service being read by the Rev. James A. Sanderson, Minister in charge. The morning congregation, under some prospect of rain, was a little above 50—the afternoon, more than 100. In good time, on Monday, came the Rev. Dr. Eames and a pleasant company of ladies and gentlemen from Concord. At 1 o'clock P. M., we moved in procession from the hall to the foundation of the new Church, and with due religious ceremonies and prayers laid the corner stone. An appropriate address was made by the Rev. Dr. Eames, who was followed in some interesting remarks by Benjamin Emerson, Esq., Senior Warden. The work, I learn, has gone on well, and the Church will be consecrated at no distant day. I cannot pass on without expressing my thanks for the kind hospitality I enjoyed in the family of Mr. Daniel Sanderson. It was truly refreshing to me in my weakness.

July 23. I accepted a Letter Dimissory from the Ecclesiastical Authority of Connecticut in favor of the Rev. Leonidas Bradley Baldwin, to whom, being a Deacon, I gave a License to preach the Gospel. From that time to the present, Mr. Baldwin has officiated as Minister in charge and Rector elect at Nashua.

August 2. I accepted from the Bishop of Rhode Island a Letter Dimissory in favor of the Rev. John Milton Peck, who had been chosen Rector of Trinity Church, Claremont, and as such, under happy auspices, then commenced his labors.

August 16. I visited for the first time St. John's Church in Walpole, stopping on the hospitality of B. P. Spaulding, Esq., and a delightful specimen of hospitality it was.

In the forenoon, it being Sunday, I baptized three adults; the Rev. Mr. Tyng reading a portion of the Baptismal service. Morning Prayer was read by him; after which he presented and I confirmed seven candidates. I then delivered a sermon. The Chapel was filled with an attentive congregation. Our prospects here are of a high order, and for them we are much indebted to the Rev. Mr. Tyng.

The same day, after Morning Prayer, Hope Lathrop took me to his house in the village of Drewsville, where, for more than forty years, I have had a hearty welcome and a home. At 4 o'clock P. M., the Rev. Mr. Tyng, who had kindly come over from Walpole, read Prayers, and I preached. The weather was stormy and unfavorable to attendance.

There is now a prospect, which I rejoice to see, that the two Parishes in Walpole, only three miles apart, will join together (not fuse into one.) for the support of a Pastor. It is truly a desirable charge, and I am exceedingly anxious to provide for it. Here, I think, is an opportunity for a well-learned, pious, and prudent man to live in comfort and be useful.

August 19. I received from the Rev. Dr. Haight, of the City of New-York, a letter giving an account of kind and gratuitous services performed by him in Lancaster and vicinity during a few weeks' vacation from city duties. I am most thankful for these useful labors of my honored friend and brother, in whose estimation rest is not procured by idleness.

August 23. I passed a Sunday in St. Luke's Parish, Charlestown, preaching in the forenoon in the Town Hall; Divine Service being conducted by the Rev. Mr. Fales, of Massachusetts. In the afternoon I read service, and Mr. Fales preached. I found these zealous people busily engaged in erecting a Church.

August 30—*Sunday.* I supplied the place of the Rev. Mr. Smith, Rector of Union Church, Claremont, while he served our friends in Charlestown.

September 1. I received from Bishop A. Potter notice, dated June 29, 1863, of the deposition from the Ministry of some one, whose name I could not make out.

September 4. I received a second communication from the Rev. Dr. Haight, giving an account of further services performed by him at Lancaster, and a place in the vicinity called the "Lost Nation." He was there about five weeks, and his kind and attractive labors were a comfort and refreshment to several Church families. He baptized five children, and on inquiry and examination found nine persons desirous to be prepared for Confirmation. Also, he collected and forwarded to the U. S. Sanitary Commission the sum of $11·15, to be applied to its benevolent purposes in relation to the army. Providence permitting, it is my intention to make a visit in that quarter during the approaching summer.

September 11. I gave a license to Mr. Wm. Schouler, Jr., a Candidate for Holy Orders, to act as Lay Reader, under direction of the Rev. Dr. Coit.

September 16. Notice from Bishop Williams of the deposition from the Ministry of Aaron R. Van Antwerp.

Same day—Mr. Nathaniel French Putnam, a Graduate of Bowdoin College, on recommendation by the Standing Committee, was admitted a Candidate for the Orders of Deacon and Priest.

September 27—*Sunday.* I visited Union Church, Claremont, preached and confirmed one person. I was pleased to see a more numerous congregation than usual. There could not have been less than eighty persons present, old and young.

October 2. Notice from the Bishop of Wisconsin of the deposition from the Ministry of Charles W. Clinton. I am sorry these cases of retrograde, to use a comparatively mild term, are so numerous. But wholesome discipline requires the separation of the unapt and uncongenial as well as of the unworthy. Some men mistake their calling, and like Balaam are led to say, "If it displease thee, I will get me back again."

Same day—I left home to attend certain anniversary meetings in Rhode Island, and to visit the Churches in the eastern section of this Diocese.

October 6 *and* 7. I attended the annual meeting of the Society for the Increase of the Ministry, in Grace Church, Providence.—This, brethren, is an Institution of the Church, which I desire very strongly to recommend to your confidence and support. Already has its treasury given aid to our young men—and will freely give more. Please set it down for favor among your annual collections.

October 7 *and* 8. I attended in the same place the annual meeting of the General Board of Missions. This also—especially that branch which has in charge the domestic field—I very earnestly recommend to your prayers and liberality. I trust no Church will fail to send to the treasury at least one collection every year.

October 11—*Sunday.* I visited St. Luke's Church, Nashua, preached twice, administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed two persons. Prayers were read by the Rev. L. B. Baldwin, Dea-

con, who is in charge as Rector elect. The Parish appears to be in a prosperous condition.

October 15. I visited St. Thomas' Church, Dover, preached, and confirmed eleven persons, delivering to them an address. Prayers were read by the Rev. Messrs. Gushee and Wingate, the latter of whom officiated here during the Rector's absence as Chaplain in the army. This Parish will come under notice again.

I had made an appointment the same week in Epping—but on request from there postponed the Visitation till the Church edifice shall be completed.

October 18—*Sunday.* I held a Visitation at Grace Church, Manchester, preached twice, and confirmed seven persons. This was to me an interesting day. Prayers were read by the Rector, who also carried the children through an interesting course of catechising. This Sunday School, of which the number of children is quite large, is well conducted, and always appears to great advantage.

October 18. I visited Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge, preached, and confirmed three persons. These make sixteen persons confirmed here within the last five months. I recognize here the blessing of God in the growth of the right spirit of Christ's Church. May that spirit increase more and more. The Parish has within the year purchased a bell, and has provided for the payment of all its debts.

October 21, 22, *and* 23, I spent at Holderness. On Friday, the 23d, I consecrated St. Mark's Church, a picturesque and beautiful building erected under the Ministry of the Rev. J. R. Peirce. The building debts having been paid, its Consecration was now proper. There were present the Rev. Drs. Hubbard and Eames, and the Rev. Messrs. Herrick, Peirce, and Hazard. The Deed of Donation and request to consecrate was read by Mr. Hazard—the Sentence of Consecration by Mr. Peirce—and Morning Prayer by Messrs. Eames and Peirce. The sermon, interesting and appropriate, was delivered by Dr. Hubbard. There was a good congregation, though the Church was far from being crowded. The music, so important on such an occasion, (when, indeed, is it not important?) would bear a high style of commendation.

October 25—*Sunday.* I made my annual Visitation to St. Paul's Church, Concord. I preached twice, and made some inspection of the Sunday School. This Church, in condition temporal and spiritual, still gives evidence of a vigorous vitality. I desire to record here my acknowledgment of the kindness with which I am always received at Mrs. Eames'. Often in my travels have I occasion to turn into the easy and pleasant hospitality of "the Elms."

October 29. The Rev. Edward N. Goddard, Deacon, was, by letter, dismissed to the Diocese of New-York.

November 13. To the Rev. Charles Burroughs, D. D., I gave a Letter Dimissory to the Diocese of Massachusetts.

November 17. Notice from Bishop Eastburn of the deposition from the Ministry of Sylvester T. Sawyer, Deacon.

December 6—*Sunday*. In Trinity Church, Claremont, I admitted to the Order of Deacons Mr. Benjamin Andrew Rogers. The Sermon was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Herrick, who also presented the candidate. The Rev. Mr. Peck, Rector of the Church, bore an important part in the services. Present, a large congregation.

December 7—*Monday*. I advanced to the Priesthood the Rev. Benjamin A. Rogers, who was made a Deacon yesterday. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Messrs. Herrick and Peck—the latter preaching the sermon, the former presenting the candidate. The circumstances of this case were very peculiar, and in my judgment entirely justified this speedy advancement to the Priesthood.

December 11—*Friday*. We had a remarkably interesting day in the Consecration of St. Luke's Church, Charlestown. For many months the work of Church building had filled the hearts and hands of that blessed little flock. At length, under much grace, the work was finished, and nothing was wanting to the perfect preparation of the great solemnity of Consecration. The day was intensely cold, but people seemed not to regard it. Large numbers were present from Claremont, Bellows Falls, Walpole, and Drewsville. There were, I think, eight Presbyters; the Rev. Messrs. Fales, of Massachusetts; Oliver and Douglass, of Vermont; Ballard, of Maine; and Renouf, Chase, Peck, and Tyng, of this Diocese. The Deed of Donation was read by the Rev. F. Chase; Morning Prayer and Litany by the Rev. Messrs. Renouf, Peck, and Douglass; the sentence of Consecration by the Rev. Mr. Ballard, who also read parts of the Communion service. The sermon, every way appropriate and admirable, was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Fales. The little gem of a Church was full, there being two hundred persons present.

December 20. I preached in Trinity Church, Claremont, and confirmed four persons, the Rev. Mr. Peck, Rector, reading Prayers.

On Christmas Day, in the same Church, I conducted the Communion service, the Rector assisting.

January 3—*Sunday*. In the same Church, the Rector being taken suddenly ill, I read Morning Prayer, preached, and administered the Communion.

January 19. For considerations in my view justifying it, I licensed the Rev. Ephraim L. Whitcome, a Deacon of the minor class, to preach the Gospel.

February 17. I gave a Letter Dimissory to the Diocese of Pennsylvania in favor of Rev. Benjamin A. Rogers.

March 4. On request of Bishop Williams, I sent a Letter Dimissory to Connecticut in favor of the Rev. Ephraim L. Whitcome, Deacon.

March 23—*Wednesday*. I left home for the eastern part of the Diocese, reached Manchester at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M., and learned

that Dr. Hubbard was holding a service in Church. Whereupon, after a little necessary refreshment at his house, I took my portfolio, and hastened to the Church, where I found him in the act of giving out the Psalm before Sermon. Glad of an opportunity to relieve the Rector in the services of that holy and busy week, I was soon engaged in the delivery of a sermon.

March 24—*Thursday.* I proceeded to Portsmouth, where the Rev. Mr. Davies kindly met me at the depot, and took me to his house, where I remained till the Monday following.

In the evening of this day, "being the night in which He was betrayed," we administered the Holy Communion to a very large number of persons. By all present it was felt to be an hour of great and affecting solemnity.

March 25—*Good Friday.* We had two services, at one of which I preached, and at the other Mr. Davies. Thankful I was for those blessed influences of grace, which brought together on that day in the house of God, so many believers in the Cross of Christ.

March 26—*Easter Even.* We had in Church Morning Prayer.

March 27—*Easter Day.* This was indeed a day of glory and praise. In the morning I preached and consecrated the elements, Mr. Davies doing most of the work of reading—thus favoring my infirmities. The number of Communicants present, I am happy to say, was very large. At the usual time in the afternoon, we had Prayers, after which the Rector presented and I confirmed eighteen persons. Again, in the evening we had Prayers, and I preached. This was an occasion of peculiar interest in St. John's, as it was an inauguration of the lighting of the Church by gas. It is a matter of wonder that this had not been introduced before. The reason, however, seems to have been, that the Parish has a spacious and convenient Chapel, centrally situated and well lighted. On the whole, this was a Visitation of uncommon interest. Never before have I seen the venerable old Parish Church so completely filled by a congregation as at the last two services. The work of the Ministry is here, by the blessing of God, effectually done.

March 28—*Monday in Easter Week.* Kindly accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Davies, I next went to Dover, where, after an appropriate sermon delivered by him, I confirmed eight persons. This was a special Visitation, in compliance with the request of the Rev. Mr. Gushee, who was about to remove from the place. I am painfully sorry to have to record that he has found it necessary to resign the charge of this Church on account of deficiency of income. It were greatly to be desired that the Church edifice were very much larger than it is. In such a place as Dover, it has not sittings enough to accommodate a congregation equal to the giving of a just support. I cannot but hope our excellent friends, who have presented nineteen persons for Confirmation during the year, will early turn their attention to an enlargement of the building.

April 20. Notice from the Bishop of Rhode Island of the deposition from the Ministry of Joshua L. Bodfish, Deacon.

April 23. I gave a Letter Dimissory to the Diocese of Connecticut in favor of the Rev. Edward M. Gushee.

April 24—*Sunday*. I made a Visitation to St. Luke's Church, Charlestown, preached twice, and confirmed nine persons—the Rev. Francis Chase, Rector, reading Morning and Evening Prayer. I cannot but regard with grateful and admiring interest the beginning, progress, and present state of this Church. We have here, within a little more than two years, an organized Parish, with its Wardens and Vestry, twenty-five Communicants, a well-established and prosperous Sunday School, a beautiful Church edifice finished and consecrated, (the cost of which, to the last dollar, has been paid by the Parishioners, most generously aided by a few personal friends abroad,) a settled Rector, whose salary is fully provided for, with less Diocesan aid than is dispensed to any assisted Parish in the Diocese—and all in the strong, humble, and lovely spirit of true religion. In this case there is so much for which I feel the most lively gratitude to God, that I cannot forbear these commendatory words.

May 1—*Sunday*. I made a second Visitation to St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton, where I passed three days, trying, under the disadvantage of bodily suffering, to "strengthen there the things that remain." To the kind and efficient assistance of the Rev. Dr. Coit, without whom, I fear, little could have been done, I am much indebted. He read Morning and Evening Prayer and part of the Communion service. I preached twice, administered the Communion, and confirmed three persons, who were presented by Dr. Coit. On the following day I administered the Communion in private to a young man under distressing sickness. It is not easy to express my grateful appreciation of the labors of the Rev. Dr. Coit in and for this Parish. He has truly "spent and been spent" for it. And the gentlemen, Teachers in St. Paul's School, have shown a spirit which promises usefulness in the Ministry, towards which they are looking, by cheerfully acting as Lay Readers once a month under the direction of Dr. Coit. A Clergyman, I think, would now be sustained here in comfort. May God send a good man.

May 3. I preached in St. Paul's Church, Concord, in the evening, and confirmed ten persons. Prayers were read by the Rev. Dr. Coit and Rev. Mr. Valpey, and the candidates were presented by Rev. Dr. Eames, Rector. The congregation was large. This was a second Visitation, held by request of the Rector.

May 5—*Ascension Day*. In the Chapel of St. Paul's School I ordained to the Diaconate Mr. William Schouler, Jr. The Rev. Drs. Coit, Eames, and Edson, (the latter from Massachusetts,) the Rev. Messrs. Howard, of Vermont, Putnam, of New Jersey, Williams, of Massachusetts, and Valpey, of New-Hampshire, were present and bore parts in the solemnities of the day. A sermon,

which was listened to with the deepest interest, especially in the closing address to the candidate, was delivered by Dr. Edson. The candidate was presented by Dr. Coit. I desire to thank Dr. Eames for holding his own service in town at an hour which enabled him and his people to attend this Ordination. Evening Prayer having been celebrated, I preached and confirmed twelve persons, of whom ten belonged to the School. Thus sixteen persons have been confirmed in this Chapel during the year.

May 8—*Sunday.* I made a second visit to Grace Church, Manchester, preached twice, and confirmed six persons. These, with seven confirmed in October, make thirteen within the year. The attendance was large, especially in the afternoon, when the Church was full.

As a matter in some sense pertaining to our Missionary department, I wish to call your attention to a work of eight weeks at Rye Beach. In the month of May, 1863, I received a letter from Mr. William G. Weld, of Boston, in which he submitted to me proposals of very singular liberality. He informed me that for several years he, with his family, had made Rye Beach a place of summer resort; that numbers of people—"lambs," as he pleasantly called them—were collected there during the visiting season, who had no privilege of public worship on the Lord's day without going a distance of three miles, and that he was prepared to submit a plan of supply. Being the owner of a spacious and convenient hall, lately erected, he proposed that if I would send thither a Missionary, he would give him the use of the hall, well fitted and furnished in all respects for our service, and provide him with board in one of the neighboring cottages; the term to commence on the third Sunday in July, and continue eight weeks. An offer so generous I could not but receive with gratitude, and at once turned my thoughts to meet it. Arrangements were made for my son, then without charge, to occupy the post; and in due time he proceeded to the work, of which he will make report.

At North Conway, also, I have to acknowledge good service rendered to the cause of the Church by Mr. A. B. Baker, a member of the General Theological Seminary, who, in that place, now so much visited in summer, acted as Lay Reader and Catechist. The Sunday School numbered about fifty children, very many of whom, I suppose, belonged to visiting families. I have every reason to think that Mr. Baker's labors were acceptable and useful.

And here I desire to record my sincere thanks to several Clergymen of our Church, who, seeking health and restoration of energies depressed in the field of holy labor, among the mountains of New-Hampshire, have in many instances held divine service, preached, and performed other Christian offices in the places where they were temporarily residing. I beg to thank them for these labors, and to assure my Clerical brethren, who may be inclined to breathe the pure mountain air of our State during the heats of summer, that

Episcopal Church in New-Hampshire, as said corporation by their by-laws or votes may direct, and as the conditions of the trust shall prescribe."

In accordance with these enactments, they hold and dispense, for the good of the Church, the proceeds of certain funds arising from Church lands, and also property given for specific objects, as that devised by the late Rev. Dr. Sprague, the income of which is to be paid to his only surviving sister during her life time, and is then to be appropriated to the maintainance of the Church in Hanover. By a power of attorney granted by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in England, the corporation has become the accredited agent of that ancient and venerable Missionary Organization within the State.

The present statement is only preliminary to a more full report of the doings of this corporation, to be given to the next Convention.

(Signed) I. G. HUBBARD, *Committee of the Board.*

On motion, the Parochial and Wardens' reports were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed in the Journal.

The Rev. Dr. Hubbard read the following

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

To the Sixty Fourth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Hampshire.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese, through its Secretary, makes the following report of its transactions during the past year.

At the Annual Convention of the Diocese, held at Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge, on the 27th day of May, 1863, Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard, D. D., Rev. James H. Eames, D. D., Rev. Henry A. Coit, D. D., Messrs. William L. Foster, Horace A. Brown, and Charles A. Tufts, were elected the Standing Committee for the year ensuing.

At a subsequent meeting of the Standing Committee, held on the same day, Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard, D. D., was chosen President, and William L. Foster Secretary of the Committee.

On the 5th of September, 1863, the Committee signed the testimonials of Nathaniel French Putnam, a candidate for Holy Orders.

On the 18th November, the Committee signed the testimonials of Benjamin A. Rogers, a candidate for the Diaconate and for Priest's Orders.

A meeting of the Committee was held at St. Paul's Church in Concord, April 22, 1864, at which the testimonials of Charles Leland Balch being read, he was recommended for Deacon's Orders. At the same meeting, John W. Moore, Esq., of Manchester, was chosen Treasurer of the Convention, and also of the Bishop's Fund, in place of Justus D. Watson, Esq., deceased.

It was also voted that the papers of William Schouler, a candidate for Deacon's orders, be signed by the Committee when received.

These papers, having been since received, were signed accordingly.

Concord, May 24, 1864. WM. L. FOSTER, Secretary.

Rev. Dr. Hubbard presented the reports of the Treasurer of the Convention and of the Bishop's fund, which were ordered to be printed in the Appendix.

Rev. H. A. Coit resigned the office of Registrar of the Convention; and, on his motion, Horace A. Brown was appointed to that office.

Resolved, That the Wardens of such Parishes as have not made the report required by sec. 8, Canon 3, be requested to do so immediately, that the Secretary may be enabled to print their reports in connection with those of the Parishes they represent.

On motion, adjourned to meet after divine service this evening.

The Finance Committee, by the Rev. Dr. Hubbard, presented the following

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they find the following assessments necessary to meet the expenses of the Convention and the salary of the Bishop the present year:

	Expenses.	Bishop's Salary.
St. John's Church, Portsmouth, (including tythes)	$16·00	$180.00
Union Church, Claremont, (including tythes,)	8·00	90·00
Trinity Church, Claremont,	7.00	80·00
St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	4·00	40·00
St. Paul's Church, Concord,	6·00	60·00
Trinity Church, Cornish,	1·00	15·00
St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	1·00	5·00
St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	1·00	5·00
Grace Church, Manchester,	4·00	40·00
St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	1·00	10·00
St. Luke's Church, Nashua,	2·00	15·00
St. James' Church, Keene,	2·00	15·00
Grace Church, Laconia,	1·00	5·00
Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge,	2·00	15·00
St. Philip's Church, Epping,	1·00	5·00
St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield,	1·00	5·00
St. John's Church, Walpole,	1·00	5·00
St. Luke's Church, Charlestown,	1·00	10·00
From a Gentleman,		100·00
From Treasurer of Donations,		200·00
	$60.00	$900·00

Respectfully submitted by

I. G. HUBBARD, *for the Committee.*

Rev. Mr. Renouf offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the congregation of Trinity Church, Claremont, for their liberal hospitality to both the clerical and lay delegates to this Convention.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendred to the several Rail-road corporations who have furnished the members of the Convention with free passes to their several homes.

On motion, the Convention suspended its business, that the members might attend the meeting of the Board of Missions.

[In Board of Missions, the Treasurer made a report of its operations for the past conventional year; for which see Appendix. The Bishop is *ex officio* President, and Rev. Francis Chase was re-elected Secretary and Treasurer.]

The Convention was again called to order, and on motion the Secretary was instructed to procure the printing of 600 copies of the Journal of this Convention.

There being no further business, after prayers by the President, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

Attest: HORACE A. BROWN, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, NASHUA.

REV. LEONIDAS B. BALDWIN, RECTOR.

CHARLES CUNNINGHAM, } Wardens. WILLIAM T. SPEAR, Clerk and
J. P. S. OTTERSON, } Treasurer.

Baptisms, 5. Confirmations, 2. Marriages, 2. Burials, 1. Communicants, 64. Sunday School Scholars, 30. Teachers, 6. Contributions: Bishop's salary, $10·00; Convention assessment, $1·00; Diocesan Missions, $5·00; Church at Pittsfield, $5·00; for Church debt, $165·00; by the Ladies for Church purposes, $226·40; Communion alms, $18·00; total contributions, $430·40.

My connexion with the Parish began on the first of July last. The attendance and interest in our services have steadily increased since that time. By the very generous and self-denying efforts of the members of this Parish, aided by $175·00 from other sources, I am happy to report that our current expenses have been met, and an old debt of $350·00 cancelled. These results are encouraging and our future is hopeful.

WARDENS' REPORT.

Value of Church building, furniture, lot and fence, $3500·00, insured for $2500·00; salary paid the Minister, $800·00; current expenses, fuel, gas, &c. $50·00; total, $850·00. Sources from which derived: rents of pews, $410·25; Diocesan help, $100·00; gift, $100·00; leaving to be raised in the Parish by subscription, fairs, &c., $239·75; total, $850.00.

The Parish owes $105·00, and it has sufficient funds on hand and bills due to liquidate this debt.

Nashua, May 23, 1864. CHAS. CUNNINGHAM, } *Wardens.*
J. P. S. OTTERSON, }

REPORT OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, HANOVER.

The condition of this Church is in most respects much the same as it was when I last made my report. The Sunday services have been maintained as usual in connection with Norwich, Vt., and the sacrament duly administered. The attendance at our services has been fully as good as heretofore, and perhaps rather better. We also held evening services during the Easter season, on Thursday evenings. They also were well attended.

Five persons have been baptized—one lady with her three daughters, and one other—all intelligent and thoughtful, though the mother alone received the adult baptism. Our Sunday School has been well sustained, and the teachers do not appear to at all lose their zeal. Our choir have continued to be, as they always have been, prompt, kind and efficient. We have also had the duty of sexton performed voluntarily without pay, and with regularity and success—no trifling work in our cold winter, and one that contributed greatly to the comfort of the congregation. Our young misses have continued to make monthly collections

for the domestic Missions, and have been quite as successful as we could expect. Some of our young friends, students, left us as usual at the end of the academic year. This is always a source of regret to us, though we are cheered with the hope that they carry away with them the seeds of good doctrine, and of love for the Church, which will in good time bear fruit. I am myself often mortified that the members of Church families frequently come here and do not make themselves known to me, and too many of them do not confess their faith at all. They are too much inclined to attach themselves to the denomination which is in numbers the strongest. We desire very much to possess a baptismal font appropriate to our building. A small sum of money is promised us for that purpose, and we trust others will also aid us, so that at next Convention I shall be able to state that this good work has been accomplished.

EDWARD BOURNS.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CHARLESTOWN.

REV. FRANCIS CHASE, RECTOR.

PORTER SPENCER, } Wardens.
GEORGE OLCOTT, }

GEORGE OLCOTT, Clerk and Treasurer.

Families, 33. Baptisms: Adults, 9, Children, 2, total, 11. Confirmed, 9. Communicants, Dec. 1, 16; added, 9; total, 25. Marriages, 4. Burials, 4. Communion alms, $38·79. Collection for Diocesan Missions, $16·02; for Sanitary Commission, $6·55. Total collections in Church, $60·81. Sunday School: Teachers, 6; Scholars, 40.

The above report covers the period since Dec 1, at which time the Rector entered on his duties. The Rev. J. H. Tyng had kindly given the Parish occasional services during the summer and fall. The building of the Church was commenced on the 1st of Sept., and finished about Dec. 1. The consecration took place Dec. 11, since which time it has been constantly in use. At the time of building it was supposed to be large enough for the necessities of several years, but already the demand for sittings is much greater than can be furnished. It was at first doubtful whether the Parish would be able to sustain a resident clergyman; but they made the effort in faith, have been blessed with success thus far, and prospects are good for the future. The ladies of the Parish deserve great credit for the zeal and harmony with which they have labored in the Church's cause. They have done much to give the Parish its present prosperity.

WARDENS' REPORT.

The Wardens respectfully report as follows:

Value of all property belonging to the Parish, $3000·00. Salary paid to the Rector, $600·00. Indebtedness, none.

Of the Rector's salary, $400 is derived from the rental of pews, $80 from the Propagation right in the town, $45 from Diocesan Missionary Board, and the remaining $75 from the Ladies' Sewing Society.

During the past year the Parish has, with the aid of kind and interested friends, built a Church, the total cost of which, with all its furniture and apparatus, was $3000. The Wardens desire, in behalf of the Parish, most cordially and gratefully to thank those who have helped them in this work. They would especially tender their grateful acknowledgments to her whose Christian liberality was so effectual in aiding them to throw off the last burden of debt.

PORTER SPENCER, } Wardens.
GEORGE OLCOTT, }

Charlestown, N. H., 9th May, 1864.

In addition to his report for St. Luke's, Charlestown, the undersigned has to report various acts from the date of the last Convention to Dec. 1. He officiated in several places as occasion offered. On the 17th of July he went, by appointment from the Bishop, to hold services at Rye Beach during the period of sum-

mer visiting. The services were held in a hall, freely offered for the purpose by Mr. William G. Weld. The attendance from the beginning was excellent, there being always more than the hall could seat. The people seemed very glad to avail themselves of this opportunity. A volunteer choir contributed very much to the beauty of divine worship. About one third of the congregation were Episcopalians, but all joined heartily in the responses, and contributed what they could to the success of the undertaking. On six Sundays a collection was made for the Board of Diocesan Missions, amounting in all to $46·59. The cordial support received from Mr. William G. Weld, at whose instance the services were undertaken, and who spared no pains or expense in their behalf, is most gratefully and heartily acknowledged. He allowed nothing to be lacking which it was in his power to furnish.

FRANCIS CHASE, Presbyter.

CHAPEL OF ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL.

Baptisms: children, 6; adults, 5, one of which is reported from St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton; total 11. Confirmed, 16. Communicants: added, 3; removed, 2; died, 1: present number, 26. Funerals, 2. Services on all Sundays and Holy Days. Sunday School Scholars, 30. Teachers, the Rev. Messrs. Valpey and Schouler, Messrs. Hargate and Babin. Contributions: Domestic Missions, from the Chapel, $75; from the Boys' Missionary Society, $100. Foreign Missions, from the Boys' Missionary Society for the African Mission, $100. Diocesan Missions, $50; St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, $140, of which $100 is from the Boys' Missionary Society; St. Philip's Church, Epping, $20; Northern Convocation, (Diocese of New-York,) $25; Mission at Centerville, New-York, $50; Rev. Dr. Breck's Mission, Faribault, Wisconsin, $200; St. Stephen's Mission, Boston, $60; Racine College, $25; Society for the Increase of the Ministry, $25; Soldiers' Aid Society, $20. Total, $890.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH.

REV. THOMAS F. DAVIES, JUN., RECTOR.

JAMES P. BARTLETT, CHRISTOPHER C. JACKSON, } Wardens. JOHN W. FERNALD, Clerk. JOSHUA W. PEIRCE, Treasurer.

Baptisms: adults, 15; children, 15; total, 30. Confirmed, 18. Communicants: admitted, 14; added by removal, 8; lost by removal, 6; lost by death, 2; present number, 190. Marriages, 10. Burials, 31. Sunday School: Teachers, 25; Scholars, 191. Sunday School Library, number of volumes, 355; Parish Library, number of volumes, 702. Sewing School, scholars, 35. Contributions: Bishop's salary, $54·24; Diocesan Missions, $56·25; New-York Bible and Prayer Book Society, $5·00; Domestic Missions, $28·10; Foreign Missions, $20·00; additional for Church in Epping, $10·00; Church in Pittsfield, $100·00; Society for Increase of Ministry, $22·30; collection for Rev. Dr. Breck, $90·63; Ladies' collection for sick and wounded soldiers, $103·50; Ladies Missionary Society, $219·00, in the following sums: Bishop Whipple's Diocese, $125·00; Bishop Kemper's Diocese, $15·00, Diocese of New-Hampshire, $17·00; Foreign Missions, $40·00; Parish Library, $12·00; American Church in Paris, $10·00; special collection for poor, $81·75; Communion alms, $18·55; total, $990·73.

Grateful acknowledgments are due the Rev. Dr. Burroughs and the Rev. Theodore B. Bartow, U. S. N., for their kind assistance in Parochial duties on occasions of the absence or indisposition of the Rector. Two of the above mentioned Baptisms, two of the Marriages, and four of the Burials, were by the Rev. Dr. Burroughs, and three of the Burials by the Rev. Mr. Bartow.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CONCORD.

REV. J. H. EAMES, D. D., RECTOR.

DAVID DAVIS, HORACE A. BROWN, } Wardens. S. C. EASTMAN, Clerk. E. A. ABBOT, Treasurer.

Baptisms: Adults, 5; Infants, 13; total, 18. Confirmations, 10. Marriages, 4. Burials, 8. Communicants, 158. Sunday School, 125. Contributions: Increase of Ministry, $34·00; Rev. Dr. Breck, for Indian Missions, $25·00; Diocesan Missions, $27·28; Gift of Sunday School for Pittsfield, $13·00; Sick and wounded Soldiers, $63·00; Sunday School, $41.00; For Poor and other Parish objects, $121·26; Easter offering of Children for Indians, $40.00; For Church building, $350·00; Total, $714·54.

No better evidence of the prosperity of the Parish can be given than that which is seen by the increased contributions for religious purposes. More than twice the amount of money has been contributed the past year than during any previous year. This is a movement in the right direction, and is indicative of that spirit which is the developement of true Christian progress.

WARDENS' REPORT.

The Parish has no property except the Church building and appurtenances. The Church was erected in 1859, at a cost of about $18,000, and is in good condition.

The Parish is in debt to the amount of $3615·68. Pews have been sold to the amount of $11,000·00. There are pews unsold, appraised at $7000·00.

The unsold pews are offered for rent at six per cent. on the appraisal, and enough are thus rented to pay the interest on the debt, and leave a small sum for repairs.

Rector's salary, $1000; other annual expenses about $600. These sums are raised entirely by voluntary subscriptions and monthly collections from the congregation, except about $25 derived from City Parsonage fund.

DAVID DAVIS, HORACE A. BROWN, } Wardens.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, EPPING.

REV. F. S. FISHER, MINISTER.

GEO. W. LAWRENCE, ROBERT B. DAME, } Wardens. D. W. NASON, Clerk. GEO. E. LAWRENCE, Treasurer.

Baptisms: Adults, 1; Infants, 6; total, 7. Communicants, 9. Burials, 2. Marriages; 1. Sunday School Scholars, 40. Teachers, 7.

Parish and Sunday School Libraries, number of volumes, 150. Domestic Missions, $8·00. Bishop's salary, $5·00. Sunday School books, $20.15.

I am happy to state that a Church sufficient for the wants of the Parish has been built during the past year. The building is not as yet quite completed; but thanks be to God for so opening the hearts and hands of the friends of Home Mission work, that enough has been subscribed to meet the expense thus far, and to complete the work. And thus we hope to present our handsome and convenient little Church to the Bishop this summer for consecration free from debt.

We still further solicit aid to pay for an organ which a gentleman of the Parish has kindly and generously purchased and placed in the Church.

In the labor of raising funds and superintending the work of building, I owe much to the assistance of Mr. I. B. Pearson for his self-sacrificing labors in raising money in Boston and New-York. The grace of God crowned his efforts with success, and to him the Parish is much obligated. Also to Mr. Geo. E. Lawrence for his management of the financial matters, the advance of money at times of need, his labor in buying building material, and his care in superintending the work of building. Both these gentlemen were on the Building Committee. Nor must I forget the interest, aid and practical advice of the other

members, D. W. Nason and R. B. Dame—for though their own private business prevented them giving the same time as the others, they were ever ready to do all in their power; and one of the pleasantest recollections of the labor necessary to build a church is the interest manifested by the committee.

The work of the church here, I think, progresses. The field is hard; but the seed has been sown, and under God's blessing I doubt not for the harvest.

The Sunday School has increased with a good prospect of a still further increase. The children themselves raised this winter $20·00 to replenish the Sunday School Library.

The choir is efficient and untiring in their efforts to furnish true church music.

WARDEN'S REPORT.

In accordance with sect. 3, of Canon 3d, making it the duty of the Wardens of every Parish to give a written report to each Convention of the temporal condition of the Parish to which they belong, the Senior Warden of St. Philip's Parish, Epping, (the Junior Warden being absent) would report simply that the value of real and personal property of the Parish is about twenty-five hundred dollars ($2500), consisting of Church lot, Church and furniture, all in good condition, and insured for seventeen hundred dollars. The indebtedness of the Parish, two hundred dollars, more or less. Means for liquidating the same: Subscriptions pledged to more than that amount. Salary of Rector paid by rent of pews and missionary aid.

GEO. W. LAWRENCE.

TRINITY CHURCH, SANBORNTON BRIDGE.

REV. M. A. HERRICK, RECTOR.

ASA P. CATE, JAMES EAMSHAW, } Wardens. — ENOCH G. PHILBRICK, Clerk. J. F. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

Baptisms: infants, 1; adults, 2; total, 3. Confirmed, 2. Communicants: added, 5; died, 1; present number, 47. Burials, 4.

Contributions: for Sunday School Library, $10·00; for Domestic Missions, $11·00. For Bishop's salary, $10·00. For church bell about $400·00.

It is with much satisfaction that we record the addition of this last item, so much needed to the completion of our church arrangements. This is a cast steel bell of English manufacture, of nearly a ton's weight. The tone is particularly good, and gives, I believe, universal satisfaction.

During the past year the parish has lost, by death, several estimable members, and among these one, who, since its first organization, had been a very useful member of its vestry.

GRACE CHURCH, MANCHESTER.

REV. I. G. HUBBARD, D. D., RECTOR.

JOEL TAYLOR, WILLIAM B. WEBSTER, } Wardens. — HORATIO FRADD, Clerk. JOHN TRUESDALE, Treasurer.

Baptisms: children, 15; adults, 3; total, 18. Confirmed, 14. Communicants: added, 38; died or removed, 21; present number, 147. Marriages, 6. Burials, 14. Sunday School teachers, 14; scholars, 100. Collections: Communion seasons, $166·74; on other occasions, $111·27; total, $278·01. Of this there has been given to the poor, $47·50; to Domestic Missions, $30·00; to Foreign Missions, $25·00; to Diocesan Missions, $25·00; to Rev. Dr. Breck, $34·00; to Sanitary Commission, $21·00; to Bishop's salary, $35·00; Convention assessment, $8.50; Parish and S. S. Library, $16·00. There has been raised in addition towards arrearages, $190·00.

The decided interest manifested by the parishioners generally in the welfare and prosperity of the parish is very gratifying to the Rector, and affords a sure guarantee, under the continued favor of God, of its future progress. In the midst of a most fluctuating population, and times of extraordinary commotion,

it has been wonderfully sustained, and there is every indication that a still more effectual door of influence is opening before it. For many acts of kindness to himself and family, the Rector is sincerely thankful to his friends and to a kind Providence.

TRINITY CHURCH, CLAREMONT.

REV. JOHN MILTON PECK, RECTOR.

CHARLES M. BINGHAM, ARNOLD BRIGGS, } Wardens. ARNOLD BRIGGS, Clerk. HENRY PATTEN, Treasurer.

The present incumbent assumed the rectorship of this parish on the first of August last, and reports from that date.

Families, 123. Baptisms: adults, 1; infants, including one by the Bishop of the diocese, 13; total, 14. Confirmed, 4. Communicants: died, 2; added, 11; present number, 156. Marriages, 1. Burials, 4. The parish record also shows *one* burial before the first of August. A Bible-class of nearly 30 members has been instructed by the Rector on Friday evenings. About 60 of the children of the parish are catechised openly in the church on Sundays, by the Rector; and there are *nine* teachers, communicants, who assist regularly in the instruction of the same. The Children's Library contains 150 volumes, mostly new.

There have been received through the offertory, on Sundays and other holy days, from the congregation and the children, $245·09. From these offerings there have been appropriated: to pious and charitable purposes within the parish, $21·61; Library and instruction books for the children of the parish, $39·72; Diocesan Missions, $23·00; General Board of Domestic Missions, $39·00; Foreign, do., $13·0); Nashotah, $8·00; St. Luke's Church, Charlestown, $10·00; U. S. Christian Commission, $32·50.

The Divine Wisdom has richly blessed this parish with the *temporal* elements of prosperity and success. These, added to an intelligent zeal and a truly spiritual life, would rejoice those hearts among us who pray and labor for the welfare and the triumph of the kingdom of God among men. "We wait for thy loving kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple."

WARDENS' REPORT.

In compliance with the canon requiring the Wardens of every parish to report the temporal condition of the parish to which they belong, we, the undersigned, make the following report for Trinity Church, Claremont:

Real estate in good condition, value, $8000; organ, ditto, $1500; total, $9500. Salary paid the Rector, $800, which is derived from rent of pews. Indebtedness, none.

The temporal condition of the parish is very encouraging at the present time.

C. M. BINGHAM, A. BRIGGS, } Wardens.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KEENE.

REV. EDWARD A. RENOUF, RECTOR.

T. B. KITTREDGE, W. P. WHEELER, } Wardens. D. H. WOODWARD, Clerk and Treasurer.

Families, 38, containing 80 adults, and 41 children. Individuals not connected with families, or whose families do not attend our services, 16. Total, 137. Baptisms: adults, 1; children, 5; total, 6. Marriages, 2. Public services—Sundays, 101; other days, 18; total, 119. The holy communion was administered publicly, 14 times; privately, once; total, 15 times. Communicants: male, 11; female, 29; total, 40. During the greater part of the year, a Bible class has been instructed by the Rector, in the catechism of the Thirty-nine Articles.

Our church contributions have amounted to $114·39, which have been ex-

ponded as follows: Assessment for the Bishop's fund, and expenses of the Diocesan Convention, $16·50; for Domestic Missions, $9·11; for Foreign Missions, $6·05; for Diocesan Missions, $11·70; for the expenses of the Christmas festival for the Sunday School, $18·59; total, $61·35. The remainder, $82·44, was devoted to parochial purposes. The collections in the Sunday School amount to $14·89, and with the sum reserved last year, will be appropriated towards furnishing the new church. The school contains 42 pupils, and has 9 teachers, and a librarian. The scholars have been twice publicly catechized.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle have continued their meetings all the year, and have been contributing largely, by their labors, towards furnishing the new church. For this purpose, various donations have already been made by persons interested in our progress, which will be particularly mentioned on a future occasion.

On the 30th of June the rite of confirmation was administered to one person, the Rev. Messrs. Oliver, of Bellows Falls, and Eames of Concord, taking part in the services. At the close of the services, the congregation moved in procession to the church lot, where the corner stone of the new church edifice was laid by the Bishop, and an address was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Hubbard, of Manchester, the clergymen present participating in the services. It is expected that the church will be ready for occupancy early in July.

During the Christmas season suitable presents were made to the Sunday School children, accompanied with refreshments, which seemed much to their taste. The occasion was enlivened by good selections of music, sung by the choir, and a Christmas hymn, written by a lady of the parish.

WARDENS' REPORT.

The undersigned, Wardens of the parish of St. James' Church, Keene, report, that, owing to the peculiar condition of the parish at this time, they are unable to present a statement of its pecuniary condition.

The parish has for some years been the owner of a church lot, which cost them $1300, and which has since increased in value. During the past season the members have been engaged in erecting a stone church on the lot. The building is not completed, and the sums to be paid contractors, and for work and materials not included in any contract, cannot be determined until the work is completed. This the parish hope to accomplish the present season.

The Rector is paid the nominal salary per year, $200; the other parish expenses, including rent of hall, music, &c., about $237; total, $437.

There has been collected on subscriptions, mostly from members of the parish, $331·67; certain Sunday collections, appropriated to parish purposes, $77.35; total, $409·02. The above is for the year ending at Easter, 1864. Something was paid the past year towards discharging a small floating debt, not included above, and there is something yet due for music and the use of the hall, less than $100 in the whole.

THOMAS B. KITTREDGE, } Wardens.
WILLIAM P. WHEELER, }

Keene, May 1st, 1864.

UNION CHURCH, WEST CLAREMONT.

REV. HENRY S. SMITH, RECTOR.

SOLON C. GRANNIS, }
ALONZO THOMAS, } Wardens.
FREDERICK JONES, }

HENRY A. REDFIELD, Clerk.
LEONARD GILMORE, Treasurer.

Families, 33. Baptisms: 2 adults; 1 infant; total, 3. Confirmed, 1. Communicants: added, 2; died, 2; present number, 42. Marriages, 2. Burials, 14, 8 not of this parish. Sunday School: 3 teachers; 20 scholars. Alms, $5·32. Collections: Domestic Missions, $3.25. Sunday School Library, $1·60. Soldiers' aid, $11·40.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, DOVER.

WILLIAM HALE, J. A. RICHARDSON, } Wardens. — JOHN J. DUXBURY, Clerk. WILLIAM HALE, Treasurer.

Baptisms: adults, 7; infants, 5; total, 12. Confirmations, 19. Communicants: added, 21; deceased, 1; total, 81. Burials, 12. Sunday School: Teachers, 13; Scholars, 76; total, 89. Offerings: Domestic Missions, $52·53. Foreign Missions, $6·00. Communion alms, $56·87. Incidental expenses, $50·81. Diocesan, $61·50; for repairs, $415·00. Bishop's fund, $35·00. Total. $677·71.

This parish is in a very flourishing condition; nearly all the available pews are taken. The average attendance is large, and the church is out of debt. The Rev. Mr. Gushee resigned this parish at Easter, his resignation taking effect the last of April, he having received and accepted a call to St. Paul's Church, Wallingford, Conn. St. Thomas' Church has very much increased during his rectorship. J. A. RICHARDSON, Junior Warden.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, PITTSFIELD.

REV. JAMES A. SANDERSON, MINISTER OFFICIATING.

BENJAMIN EMERSON, R. P. J. TENNEY, } Wardens. — EDWARD O. SANDERSON, Clerk. WILLIAM A. MACK, Treasurer.

Families, 20. Baptisms: infants, 3. Burial, 1. Communicants, 3.

Since the last Convention this parish has built a beautiful little church, which will seat 175 persons. The roof is open, and is sheathed, as is the whole interior, with chestnut, oiled. A fine toned organ, made by Messrs. E. & G. G. Hook, of Boston, has been presented by Daniel I. Tenney, Esq., of New-York city; a Communion service and Bible by George M. Marsh, Esq., of Portsmouth. The stained glass windows, from the manufactory of Doremus, of New-Jersey, which are very chaste and beautiful, by Mrs. J. H. Eames, of Concord. We have also procured a brown stone font.

We have met with some losses by removals; and by the death of Scott French, Esq., who was our first Junior Warden, the parish has lost a firm and valued friend, whose last thoughts and words were of Christ and his Church. The small number of communicants is due to the fact that the Bishop has not held a confirmation here. There are several persons waiting to be confirmed. The collections for the church building, outside of the Parish, have amounted to above $1600. Besides the amount raised in the parish, there has been loaned on pews, without interest, by members of the parish, $400. Under God a great and good work has been begun here; with earnest and faithful ministrations, this may soon become a large and flourishing parish.

WARDENS' REPORT.

The undersigned, Wardens of the Parish of St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, N. H., in accordance with Canon 3, section 3, make the following report of the present temporal condition of said parish.

Value of church lot and the building thereon, $3250·00; organ, $500·00; total, $3750·00. The above property is in good condition.

There is owed by the parish on mortgage of the premises, $2200·00; do. on pews, (without interest,) $400·00; floating debts due for church building, materials, &c. $400·00; total, $1100·00; leaving property above all debts amounting to $2650. We have no present means of liquidating the indebtedness of the parish. The salary of the Rector is paid partly from pew rents and subscription, and partly from missionary sources.

BENJAMIN EMERSON, R. P. J. TENNEY, } Wardens.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, HOPKINTON.

HORACE CHASE, SAMUEL R. ADAMS, } Wardens. GEORGE W. CURRIER, Treasurer. GEORGE G. PHELPS, Clerk.

Families, 23. Individuals, 80. Baptisms: adult, 1; child, 1. Confirmations, 3. Sunday School teachers, 4; pupils, 24. Marriages, none. Burials, none. Collections, $25·27, for ordinary expenses.

This church has no permanent rector. During the past year Rev. Dr. Coit, of St. Paul's School, Concord, has supplied the desk two sabbaths in each month, one of which has been by lay reading. The Church is under great and renewed obligation to Dr. Coit for the sacrifices he has made, and the great interest he has manifested for its spiritual welfare.

HORACE CHASE, Warden.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WALPOLE.

B. P. SPAULDING, G. HUNTINGTON, } Wardens.

Baptisms: adults, 3; children, 10; total, 13. Confirmed, 7. Communicants: found, 4; added, 8; total, 12. Marriages, none. Burials, none.

There seems nothing special to be added to the above. Divine services have been duly observed through the year; thus far in a hired chapel. But it is confidently hoped that a fit edifice will soon be erected, and that this church will abide and prosper.

J. H. TYNG.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, HOLDERNESS.

REV. HENRY HAZARD, RECTOR.

J. F. KEYES, ORRIN CLOUGH, } Wardens. THOMAS SPLAINE, Clerk. JOHN JEWETT, Treasurer.

This church, (which had been closed since the resignation of Rev. Dexter Potter,) was re-opened for public worship on the 21st day of June last; since which, services have been continued without any interruption. It was consecrated, 23d October, and has undergone some improvement. More than $160 have been collected without the parish for its completion; and within the parish, $37 have been raised for the same object.

Communion alms, $26·57. Number of families, 80. Communicants, 45. Sermons preached, 124. Baptisms: adults, 1; infants, 9; total, 10. Marriages, 2. Burials, 17. Sunday School scholars, 30; teachers, 3. Holy Communion has been administered twelve times.

WARDEN'S REPORT.

Church of St. Mark's and church yard, about 3-4 of an acre, value about $5000. Church lands and moneys, $1112. Rector's salary, $300; part of which paid by contribution of the congregation; the remainder derived from rents and interests of church lands. The people are willing to contribute to the support of a clergyman, but are, in general, of limited means. The church and parish are out of debt. There can be no part of the diocese in more need of missionary aid.

J. F. KEYES, ORRIN CLOUGH, } Wardens.

TRINITY CHURCH, CORNISH, AND GRACE CHURCH, PLAINFIELD.

To the Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of N. H.:

RT. REV. SIR—During the last twelve months the routine of my services as Minister officiating at Grace Church, Plainfield, and Trinity Church, Cornish, has been very much the same as heretofore.

I have held public service at those two parishes alternately on the Sunday

afternoons during the summer and fall of 1863. At Plainfield I have been gratified and encouraged by the usual large attendance of men and women. At Cornish, on three special occasions, (funerals,) the attendance was as large as ever could be brought together in that church. I am pleased to find that some of the Cornish people are interesting themselves to have the church building put in order, so that at least it shall be prepared to resist the assaults of the winds and storms.

I have administered the holy communion in public *once* in Plainfield, and *once* in Cornish, and in Cornish *twice* in private. At Cornish I have officiated at 3 funerals, and 1 commemorative funeral service. 1st, Doctor David L. M. Comings, (Assistant Surgeon, 4th N. H. Vol.) who died from disease contracted at the Hospital at Beaufort, S. C. 2d, the service commemorative of Haldimand S. Putnam, (Col. 7th N. H. Vol., and Capt. of Engineers, U. S. A.) who being acting Brigadier General, fell while leading the night assault on Fort Wagner, S. C., July 18, 1863. 3d, Hon. Israel Hall, for many years past the actuary of this parish, and well known through this whole community as a faithful and wise business agent and adviser. 4th, Mrs. Mary (Chase) Leonard, the widow of the Rev. George Leonard, who was the first Rector of this parish and of St. Paul's, Windsor, Vt. Mrs. Leonard was well known as a warm-hearted, cordial and hospitable person. She had the interests of the church and parish very deeply at heart.

I am, Right Rev. Sir, most respectfully,

MALCOLM DOUGLASS,
Minister officiating at Plainfield and Cornish.

Windsor, Vt., May 21, 1864.

DOVER, N. H., May 28, 1864.

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR—I am now on a short leave of absence from my ship, steam frigate Minnesota, lying in Hampton Roads, Va. Since my last report, I have been chiefly engaged in my duties as Chaplain on board said ship, performing services on Sunday whenever circumstances permitted. I have buried at sea and on shore several officers and men who have fallen in the service of their country. In addition to this, I have attended the funerals of three persons connected with St. Thomas' Church in this city.

Very respectfully and truly yours, THOMAS G. SALTER, U. S. N.

ASHLAND, GREENE CO., N. Y., DEC. 10, 1863.

To Right Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D., Bishop of New-Hampshire:

Dear Sir—In accordance with the fifteenth canon, I respectfully report that from the time I was made Deacon, on the third day of May last, until the eighth of November, at about which time I became a canonical resident of the Diocese of New-York, I performed some part or the whole of public worship at seventy-one different times, (preaching thirty-nine times,) in nineteen different places, in the dioceses of New-Hampshire, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New-Jersey, and New-York. I also baptized one child in private in Jersey City, making due record of the same, and attended one funeral in this place.

Respectfully submitted by EDWARD N. GODDARD, A. B., Deacon.

May 7.	To amount from	St. Luke's Church, Nashua,	1·00
" 10.	" " "	St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	1·00
" 18.	" " "	St. Peter's Church, Drewsville,	1·00
" 24.	" " "	St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	1·00
" 21.	" " "	St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	8·00
June 2.	" " "	Grace Church, Plainfield,	1.00
" "	" " "	St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	1·00
" "	" " "	St. John's Church, Portsmouth,	21·00
			$75·00

1864.	CONTRA,	Cr.
May 25.	By paid W. Butterfield, bill of printing,	44·68
" "	" " H. A. Brown's bill of stationery, &c.	2·25
" "	" " for postage stamps, J. W. Moore,	·75
June 9.	" balance in hands of Treasurer,	27.32
		$75·00

Due from Trinity Church,	Claremont,	10.50
" " "	Cornish,	2·00
	Total,	12·50

Respectfully submitted,
Manchester, June 9, 1864. JOHN W. MOORE, Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

FRANCIS CHASE, TREASURER,

1863.	IN ACCOUNT WITH THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.	Dr.
May 28.	To balance on hand,	103·38
Sept. 7.	" contributions at Rye Beach on 6 Sundays,	46·59
Dec. 31.	" cash from St. John's Church, Portsmouth,	25·34
1864.		
May 25.	To Easter collections from the following churches:	
	St. Luke's, Charlestown,	16.02
	St. Luke's, Nashua,	5·00
	St. James', Keene,	11·70
	St. Paul's School,	50·00
	St. Paul's, Concord,	27.28
	Trinity, Claremont,	23·00
	St. John's, Portsmouth,	66·25
	St. Andrew's, Hopkinton,	7·40
	Grace, Manchester,	25·00
		$406·96

1863.	CONTRA,	Cr.	
Sept. 25.	By paid Rev. F. Chase for services at Rye		
1864.	Beach, 2 months,	46·59	
Feb. 24.	By paid St. John's Church, Walpole,	75·00	
Apr. 12.	" " Rev. J. A. Sanderson, Pittsfield,	27·28	148·87
	Balance on hand, May 25, 1864,		$258·09

FRANCIS CHASE, TREASURER B. D. M.

NOTE.—A contribution of $13 for the past year, from the Ladies' Missionary Society of St. John's Church, Portsmouth, has been received since the above report was made out.

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Rev. ——— ———, Rector.

——— ———, } Wardens. ——— ———, Clerk.
——— ———, } ——— ———, Treasurer.

Baptisms—Infants, ...
Adults, ...
Confirmations, ...
Communicants—Number last reported, ...
Added by removal, ...
" anew, ...
Lost by removal, ...
" death, ...
Present number, ...
Marriages, ...
Burials, ...
Sunday School—Teachers, ...
Scholars, ...
Contributions for Parochial purposes, ... $
" Communion Alms, ... $
" Missions—Diocesan, ... $
Domestic, ... $
Foreign, ... $
Extra, ... $

CERTIFICATE OF LAY DELEGATES.

At the Annual Parish Meeting of ——— Church of ———, on the ——— day of ———, [last, or inst.,] A— B—, C— D—, and E— F—, were duly elected Delegates to the Convention of this Diocese, to be held at ———, on ——— next, and that G— H—, I— K—, and L— M—, were also chosen as substitutes.

(Signed,) ——— ———, *Parish Clerk.*

[Or *Rector* or *Warden*, as the case may be.]

NOTICE.

The Sixty-fifth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of New-Hampshire, will be held in St. James' Church, Keene, on the last Wednesday in May, 1865, at 9 o'clock A. M.

HORACE A. BROWN,
Secretary of the Convention.

Concord, June, 1864.

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CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

MAY 30, 1865.

Rt. Rev. CARLTON CHASE, D. D., Bishop, residing in Claremont.
Rev. EDWARD BOURNS, LL. D., Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Hanover.
Rev. FRANCIS CHASE, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Charlestown.
Rev. JOHN W. CLARK, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Dover.
Rev. HENRY A. COIT, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's School, Concord.
Rev. JOSEPH H. COIT, Vice Rector of St. Paul's School, Concord.
Rev. THOMAS F. DAVIES, Rector of St. John's Church, Portsmouth.
Rev. JAMES H. EAMES, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Concord.
Rev. FREDERIC S. FISHER, Rector of St. John's Church, Walpole, and St. Peter's, Drewsville.
Rev. JOHN HARGATE, Deacon, a Teacher in St. Paul's School, Concord.
Rev. HALL HARRISON, Deacon, a Teacher in St. Paul's School, Concord.
Rev. MARCELLUS A. HERRICK, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge.
Rev. WILLIAM A. HITCHCOCK, Chaplain in the Navy of the United States.
Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, D. D., Rector of Grace Church, Manchester.
Rev. JOHN M. PECK, Rector of Trinity Church, Claremont.
Rev. EDWARD A. RENOUF, Rector of St. James' Church, Keene.
Rev. THOMAS G. SALTER, Chaplain in the Navy of the United States.
Rev. WILLIAM SCHOULER, Jr., Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton.
Rev. HENRY S. SMITH, Rector of Union Church, Claremont.
Rev. DANIEL F. SMITH, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.
Rev. THOMAS G. VALPEY, Teacher in St. Paul's School, Concord.

Rev. HENRY HAZARD, Ecclesiastically connected with the Church in Canada —officiating in St. Mark's Church, Holderness.

OFFICERS OF THE DIOCESE.

Standing Committee.—Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, D. D., President, Manchester; Rev. JAMES H. EAMES, D. D., Rev. HENRY A. COIT, D. D.; WM. L. FOSTER, Esq., Concord, Secretary; HORACE A. BROWN, Hon. CHARLES A. TUFTS.

Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New-Hampshire.—Rt. Rev. CARLTON CHASE, D. D., President; Hon. MATTHEW HARVEY, LL. D., P. C. FREEMAN, Esq.; Rev. I. G. HUBBARD, D. D., Secretary; Hon. ASA P. CATE, Hon. WM. P. WHEELER.

Delegates to the General Convention.—Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, D. D., Rev. MARCELLUS A. HERRICK, D. D., Rev. HENRY A. COIT, D. D., Rev. JAMES H. EAMES, D. D., Hon. CHARLES A. TUFTS, WILLIAM L. FOSTER, Esq., THOMAS B. KITTRIDGE, M. D., ARNOLD BRIGGS, Esq.

Provisional Deputies.—Rev. THOMAS F. DAVIES, Rev. JOHN M. PECK, Rev. FRANCIS CHASE, Rev. EDWARD A. RENOUF; WM. P. WHEELER, EDWARD A. ABBOT, HORACE C. BACON, JOHN W. MOORE, Esqrs.

Board of Diocesan Missions.—THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, *ex officio*, Chairman, Claremont; Rev. FRANCIS CHASE, Secretary and Treasurer, Charlestown.

Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.—Rev. HENRY A. COIT, D. D., WM. P. WHEELER, Esq.

Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar of the Convention.—HORACE A. BROWN, Concord.

PROCEEDINGS.

St. James' Church, Keene,
Wednesday, May 31, 1865.

This being the day fixed by the Constitution for holding the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Hampshire, the Right Reverend Carlton Chase, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, with a number of the Clergy and Laity, assembled at St. James' Church, Keene, agreeably to a resolution passed at the sixty-fourth Annual Convention of said Church, held at Claremont, May, 1864.

The first service connected with the Convention was held on Tuesday evening, when the Rev. Frederic S. Fisher preached the Annual Missionary Sermon, Evening Prayer being read by the Rev. John Bayley, of the Diocese of Western New-York, and Rev. Francis Chase.

The Convention was called to order on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, by the Rt. Rev. President, the Bishop of the Diocese.

The Bishop laid upon the Secretary's table a list of the Clergy of the Diocese, canonically members of the Convention, which being called, the following answered to their names, and took seats in the Convention.

Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D.;
Rev. Francis Chase;
Rev. John W. Clark;
Rev. Henry A. Coit, D. D.;
Rev. Joseph H. Coit;
Rev. Thomas F. Davies;
Rev. James H. Eames, D. D.;

Rev. FREDERIC S. FISHER;
Rev. MARCELLUS A. HERRICK;
Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, D. D.;
Rev. JOHN M. PECK;
Rev. EDWARD A. RENOUF;
Rev. HENRY S. SMITH;
Rev. DANIEL F. SMITH;
Rev. THOMAS G. VALPEY.

The certificates of Lay Delegates were presented and referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Mr. PECK and ARNOLD BRIGGS, who subsequently reported the following persons as entitled to seats in the Convention:

St. John's Church, Portsmouth,	Albert R. Hatch,
	*Charles H. Peaslee,
	John R. Reding.
Trinity Church, Claremont,	*Arnold Briggs,
	*Charles F. Long,
	*Simeon Ide.
St. Paul's Church, Concord,	*Franklin Low,
	*William L. Foster,
	Charles S. Eastman.
Grace Church, Manchester,	*A. A. Dunk,
	John W. Moore,
	J. M. Varnum.
St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	*Charles A. Tufts,
	*James A. Richardson,
	John C. Varney.
St. Philip's Church, Epping,	*Horace C. Bacon,
	James B. Pearson,
	Gilbert C. Newton.
Union Church, Claremont,	*Solon C. Grannis,
	*William Ellis.
St. Luke's Church, Charlestown,	*Porter Spencer,
	*George Olcott,
	*William B. Downer.
St. James' Church, Keene,	*T. B. Kittredge,
	*Wm. P. Wheeler,
	*Nelson Morse.
St. John's Church, Walpole,	*B. P. Spaulding,
	*Hiram Wotkyns, M. D.,
	George Huntington.
St. Peter's Church, Drewsville,	*Hope Lathrop,
	Augustus F. Maynard,
	Henry E. Putnam.
St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield,	*C. S. P. Sanderson,
	Benjamin Emerson,
	R. P. J. Tenney.
St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	Norman J. Bond,
	J. S. Ryan,
	Thomas Hughes.

The report was accepted, and the roll having been called, delegates present were admitted to seats in the Convention.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to choose a Secretary, and HORACE A. BROWN, of Concord, was unanimously re-elected.

Hon. C. A. Tufts offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That clergymen officiating in this Diocese, not canonically members of this Convention, and clergymen of other Dioceses, and candidates for Orders, who may be present, be admitted to seats in this Convention.

Under this resolution there were present Rev. John Bayley, of the Diocese of Western New-York, and Rev. Henry Hazard, of the Diocese of Montreal.

On motion, the Rules of Order for last year were adopted for the government of this Convention.

The President appointed the following Committees:

On Finance—Rev. Mr. Davies, General Peaslee, Simeon Ide.

On Constitution and Canons—Rev. Drs. Coit and Hubbard and Col. Tufts.

On New Parishes—Rev. Dr. Eames, Rev. H. S. Smith, Mr. James A. Richardson.

On Nominations—Rev. Mr. Peck, Rev. Dr. Herrick, Mr. Arnold Briggs.

On motion, the Standing Committee were requested to prepare a form for Wardens' Reports, to be printed upon the cover of the Journal.

WILLIAM L. FOSTER read the following

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

To the Sixty-fifth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Hampshire:

The Standing Committee of the Diocese, through its Secretary, makes the following report of its transactions during the past year.

At the Annual Convention of the Diocese, held in Trinity Church, at Claremont, on the 25th day of May, 1864, Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard, D. D., Rev. James H. Eames, D. D., Rev. Henry A. Coit, D. D., Wm. L. Foster, Horace A. Brown, and Hon. Charles A. Tufts were elected the Standing Committee for the then ensuing year.

The Committee was organized on the 22d June, following, at St. Paul's Church in Concord, by the choice of Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard, D. D., as President and Wm. L. Foster, Secretary. On the same day the testimonials of Frederic S. Fisher being examined, he was recommended for Priest's Orders.

At a meeting of the Committee held in St. Paul's Church, at Concord, on the 22d September, 1864, the Committee signified their consent to the consecration of the Rev. Thomas Hubbard Vail, D. D., as Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas.

On the 18th day of October, 1864, the Committee signified their consent to the consecration of Arthur Cleaveland Coxe, D. D., as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Western New-York.

At a meeting of the Committee held in St. Paul's Church, Concord, on the 20th day of May, 1865, upon the requisite evidence to them submitted, the Committee recommended to the Bishop, Robert Agnew Benton, John Tyler Wheeler and Edward C. Gardiner, as Candidates for Holy Orders, Hall Harrison and John Hargate as Candidates for Deacons' Orders, and William Schouler, Jr., as Candidate for Priest's Orders.

WM. L. FOSTER, *Secretary*.

Keene, May 31, 1865.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to elect a Standing Committee for the year ensuing.

The chair appointed Rev. D. F. Smith and Wm. P. Wheeler tellers, who announced the following as elected: Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard, D. D., Rev. James H. Eames, D. D., Rev. Henry A. Coit, D. D., Messrs. William L. Foster, Horace A. Brown, Charles A. Tufts.

Voted, To adjourn to attend divine service, and that the Convention meet again at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Morning prayer was read by Rev. Messrs. Valpey and J. H. Coit; the Convention sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Peck, and the Holy Communion administered by the Bishop, assisted by Rev. Dr. Herrick, and Rev. Messrs. Renouf, Coit and Valpey.

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3 o'clock P. M.

Met agreeably to adjournment.

The Secretary called the roll of the Convention, when the Bishop read his

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Beloved Brethren,

The Clergy and Laity of this Convention:

I am thankful to my adorable Master for that mercy and grace which permits me again to meet you in Diocesan Council. For twenty successive years I have occupied the chair of this much respected body. It is to me an affecting fact, that of the Clergy belonging to the Diocese twenty years ago, only one, the Rev. Mr. Smith, remains to us. Four have died, viz: The Rev. Messrs. Blaisdale, Fowle, Horton and Sprague—while the others, six in number, have removed to other fields. As respects myself, the vigor of former years is not granted to me now; and for the little that remains of life, I shall need much help from God, and much kind consideration and indulgence from you, my brethren, to enable me to meet the reasonable wants of our Churches. May God's will be done, and may we all labor with increasing faithfulness.

Our last Convention was holden in Trinity Church, Claremont, on the 25th day of May, 1864. It was, in all respects, a session of unusual interest: the attendance of members being large, as also that of the people at the several services. After Morning Prayer, I ordained to the Priesthood the Rev. Leonidas Bradley Baldwin, who was presented by the Rev. Dr. Hubbard.

May 30. I gave to Mr. C. S. P. Sanderson a license to act as Lay Reader and Catechist in St. Stephen's Parish at Pittsfield.

June 18. From the Wardens of St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, notice of the election of the Rev. Daniel F. Smith to the Rectorship—a proceeding which I was most happy to sanction. The announcement of his acceptance soon followed.

June 22. I attended the annual meeting of the Trustees of St. Paul's School. On due examination it was found, as in years past, that this Institution is doing most effectively all that its friends and patrons expected of it. As I have said before, I think it not amiss to say again, I know not any Institution which stands higher as respects the scale and completeness of its labors in the cause of education.

July 6—*Wednesday*. A day of great and solemn interest to me, to the Clergy, and to the people of Epping. On this day was consecrated to the service of Almighty God, St. Philip's Church—a neat, simple and beautiful little Gothic structure, capable of receiving to seats 150 persons. It cost, I was told, $2500. No debt remains. Here was wonderful success, considering that it was only about two years from the beginning of serious thought on the subject of organizing a Parish. The sermon, one of excellence and appropriateness, was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Edson, of Massachusetts. Of the Clergy there were present, besides him, the Rev. Dr. Hubbard, the Rev. Messrs. Davies, D. F. Smith, Baldwin, Wingate, and Fisher, who assisted in the service. At 4 o'clock P. M., Evening Prayer was read, and a Sermon was delivered by Dr. Hubbard, after which I Confirmed six persons. The number of Communicants was then sixteen. On the day following a numerous and attentive congregation assembled in the Church thus solemnly consecrated. It was a delightful privilege so soon to follow the consecration with another of our great solemnities—an Ordination to the ministry of the word and sacraments. Morning Prayer was read by several of the Clergy, the Rev. Dr. Eames, and the Rev. Mr. Smith of Lowell being added to the number present the day before. A very excellent sermon, adapted to the occasion, was delivered by Mr. Davies. After this I proceeded, in due and solemn form, first to ordain to the Diaconate Mr. Charles Leland Balch; then to ordain to the Priesthood Mr. Frederic S. Fisher, who was in charge of that Parish. To Mr. Balch I gave a License to preach the Gospel. I have, my brethren, considered this a very promising Parish, and trust nothing will occur to disappoint my hopes. This was my second visitation. The hospitality of the people was so free and cordial during the two days of our presence with them, as greatly to warm and encourage the hearts of myself and the clergy.

July 16. By Letter Dimissory from the Ecclesiastical Authority of Maine, the Rev. Daniel F. Smith was received into this Diocese.

July 17—*Sunday*. I passed this day with my son, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Charlestown. I preached twice to a congregation of ninety or one hundred persons. The choir is a model.

July 24—*Sunday*. I Confirmed six persons in Trinity Church, Claremont.

August 18. I attended the Annual Commencement of Norwich University, of which one of our Presbyters, the Rev. Dr. Bourns, is President. It was an occasion of great interest, an oration of singular beauty and power being delivered by that distinguished scholar and divine, the Rev. Dr. Huntington of Emmanuel Church, Boston, and a poem by Park Benjamin, Esq., of New-York, who has since deceased.

August 21—*Sunday*. I made a Missionary visit to the village of Lancaster, in the northern part of the Diocese, where I preached twice and Confirmed seven persons. This was my second visit to that place, the first having been in the summer of 1856. In the morning, divine service was held in the house of worship belonging to the Congregationalists; in the afternoon in that belonging to the Methodists. Prayers were read in both cases by the Rev. Mr. Henshaw, of Rhode-Island, whom I was most happy to meet there. I feel much indebted to the Rev. Mr. Fay for his kindness and Christian courtesy in urging our use of the house belonging to the Congregationalists for our morning service. The attendance was large on both parts of the day. The music, conducted by Mr. Neal, organist of the Rev. Dr. Lambert's Church in Charlestown, Mass., was exceedingly good, even to the chanting.

Lancaster, a singularly pleasant and salubrious country town, one hundred miles north of the capital of the State, has become a place of resort to great numbers of people from the cities during the warm weeks of summer. We may have an organized Parish there at no distant day. We might, indeed, have one immediately, if we possessed the means to give to it a liberal support for a time. Mr. Wm. Heywood, who is chief among our friends, thinks there would at once be twenty communicants. This, on the whole, was to me a visit of great interest.

August 24. In the Parish of Trinity Church, Claremont, I Confirmed two persons in a chamber of sickness.

August 27. This was, to me and my house, a day of great sorrow and affliction. At 30 minutes before two o'clock, P. M., the spirit of my dearly beloved wife, with whom I had enjoyed sweet counsel and communion for the space of forty-five years, left its tenement of earth and departed to the world of the blessed. Her age would have been sixty-eight years had she lived to the month of November. In the afternoon of the 29th, with assistance of a large concourse of sympathizing and mourning friends, we committed to the grave the mortal remains of this precious companion of my life —Harriet Cutler, daughter of the late Dr. Samuel Cutler, of Bellows Falls, Vt. The first part of the burial service was performed in Trinity Church by the Rev. Messrs. Smith and Renouf. The remainder of the service was said at the grave by Mr. Renouf. And here I desire to return my grateful acknowledgements to very many

friends, both clerical and lay, whose kind letters of condolence were a great comfort and support to me in my deep affliction and failing health.

September 17. About this date I received, with surprise and regret, letters from the Rev. L. B. Baldwin and the Wardens of St. Luke's Church, Nashua, informing me of his resignation of the Rectorship of that Church and its acceptance.

September 18—*Sunday.* I visited Trinity Church, Cornish, read the Ante-Communion Service, and preached. Morning Prayer was read by a lay gentleman from Windsor, Vt., who, to relieve my weak health, kindly attended for that purpose. The congregation may have numbered forty persons, old and young. I heard with sorrow that this ancient Parish has now but one or two male communicants. The Rev. Mr. Douglass officiated here during the last summer in the afternoon of seven Sundays, besides pastoral attentions rendered occasionally. I am thankful to be able to state that a movement is now in progress, contemplating an improved condition of things.

In the afternoon of the same day, after prayers by Mr. Douglass, whose engagements did not permit him to assist me in the morning, I preached at Plainfield. Here was a congregation of about one hundred persons, three-fourths of whom appeared not to be acquainted with the Church service, but sat as patient and respectful listeners. A very good choir gave us acceptable music, including chants. Here, as in Cornish, the Rev. Mr. Douglass officiated in the afternoon of seven Sundays during the summer.

September 25—*Sunday.* I visited St. James' Church, Keene, preached twice and Confirmed eight persons. The congregation, at Confirmation in the evening, filled the house. This Church, beautiful within and without, as you must all bear witness, was then complete, except in the furnishing of the chancel. There remains a large amount of building debt; but the people are resolute, and have no misgivings as to the expense of so beautiful a Church. I feel confident that at an early day the debt will be paid or provided for, and the building offered for consecration. On the whole, I see evidence of the healthy and vigorous prosperity of this Parish, temporally and spiritually.

September 26. I proceeded to Nashua, where I found the Rev. Mr. Baldwin preparing for an immediate removal to Connecticut. There were no candidates for Confirmation and no appointment had been made for divine service. I could not but deeply regret this abrupt change in pastoral relations. In the evening the Vestry called on me to take council in relation to their affairs. These frequent changes make a hard case for the warm-hearted friends of a young Parish. Since my visit another disappointment has occurred, of which I do not now propose to speak particularly. I trust in God that this truly is a field where the patient and persevering labors of a pastor will be richly rewarded. May the Divine Spirit soon turn

thither the face of the right man. I beg to acknowledge here the kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, which, to me as an invalid, was truly refreshing.

On the same day I gave a Letter Dimissory to Connecticut in favor of the Rev. L. B. Baldwin.

September 27. Having unexpectedly a spare day, I concluded to look in on St. Paul's School in Concord, where, as usual, I found everything going on in the very best manner. The late additions to the buildings are all that can be desired as respects the comfort and efficiency of the School.

September 29. I made a visit of two days to St. Mark's Church, Holderness, where I preached twice, the Rev. Mr. Hazard reading Prayers. The congregation in the morning consisted of seventeen persons; in the evening of about seventy. For Confirmation, no candidates.

September 30—*Friday*. I reached Sanbornton Bridge, where I was surprised to find that our learned and excellent friend, the Rector of Trinity Church, had strangely mistaken the time of my appointment by one week. It is to be hoped that in future, while carefully rendering the great thoughts of the Latin and Greek Fathers, he will remember there are other matters that require habits of exactness. My appointments for public service were on Sunday, Oct. 2, though I spent three days with our friends at Sanbornton. The Sunday proved stormy and unfavorable to attendance at Church, though we had good congregations in both parts of the day. I preached twice, without much difficulty, though in feeble health. This Parish has put up a good bell, of the kind called "Steel Composition." It is said to have been heard nine miles, and may be inspected by parishes wanting bells.

October 6. In the absence of the Rev. Mr. Renouf, and at the request of parties concerned, I performed the marriage service in St. James' Church, Keene.

October 11. I gave a Letter Dimissory to New-York in favor of the Rev. James H. Tyng.

October 19. I gave to the Rev. Charles L. Balch a Letter Dimissory to Connecticut.

October 23—*Sunday*. I visited St. John's Church, Walpole, and preached, Morning Prayer being read by my son, a layman, who attended me in order to lighten my labors. The Methodist Chapel is hired here by a few individuals for Church purposes. I found great anxiety to obtain the services of a clergyman, and am happy at last to state that the Rev. Frederic S. Fisher has been chosen to the Rectorship, and has accepted and entered on his duties. The two Parishes in this town, by associating, will constitute a very promising field. In the afternoon I preached in St. Peter's Church, Drewsville, Prayers being read as in the morning. The congregations in both cases were very good. This Parish has a parsonage and a valuable Clergyman's Library.

October 30—*Sunday.* I made my Annual Visitation to St. Thomas' Church, Hanover; preached twice, the Rev. Dr. Bourns reading Prayers. I learned, sorrowfully, that there were no candidates for Confirmation—more especially as there were none at the previous visitation.

I cannot pass from this interesting and very important Church without expressing a strong desire that something should soon be done to give it a higher, more constant, and effective life. Its advancement must be slow under a partial supply of pastoral attention. The shepherd of the flock should be resident among them, and in easy sympathy and daily intercourse with all the people. From the General Board of Missions it has received $200 per annum; from Church lands in the town of Hanover, about $70 per annum.

November 4. In the absence of the Rev. Mr. Renouf, and by invitation of the friends, I attended at Keene the funeral of Mr. Wm. Lamson. Again I had the pleasure of partaking of the hospitality of the Hon. Samuel Dinsmoor, which was the more grateful to me, because, while changing cars at Bellows Falls, I had the misfortune to fall on an icy platform, to the serious injury and pain of several parts of my person.

November 11. I gave my consent to the consecration of the Rev. Thomas H. Vail, D. D., as Bishop of Kansas. Also,

November 21. I gave my consent to the consecration of the Rev. Arthur Cleveland Coxe, D. D., as Assistant Bishop of Western New-York.

December 7. By Letter Dimissory from Bishop DeLancey, I received into this Diocese the Rev. John W. Clark, who has been chosen Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Dover, and has entered on the performance of duty as such.

December 30. Information reached me from Epping of the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Fisher as Rector of St. Philip's Church. Under the circumstances I could not withhold my approval, though I gave it with regret.

January 13, 1865. On this day entered into the great rest of the people and servants of God our venerable Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Thomas Church Brownell, D. D., LL. D., in the 86th year of his age. He was a man of great and beautiful gifts, and ended his long and useful Episcopate, having been consecrated in 1819, without the slightest stain on the purity of his robes. His place in the history of the Church in this country will ever be a high one—among the highest and holiest.

February 9. I returned from a visit of two weeks to our excellent friend Dr. Shattuck, the founder and unwearied benefactor of St. Paul's School. While in Boston I preached once in the Church of the Advent, and assisted in the Communion Service.

February 14. Notice from the Bishop of Ohio of the displacement from the Ministry of Richard Holden, and Peter Neff, Jr.

March 9. Notice from the Bishop of Maine of the deposition from the Ministry of John F. Mines.

March 16. I gave a license to Mr. N. F. Putnam, a candidate for Holy Orders, to act as Lay Reader.

April 11. After much more trouble and correspondence than seemed necessary, I had supposed that the Rev. J. E. Heald was under engagement to serve the Church at Nashua. A letter received at this date informs me that he has decided not to go there. This again turns the expectant people of St. Luke's Church back on the sad privations of a vacant Rectorship. May the Lord soon send them "a man after his own heart," who will faithfully and patiently work on year after year. It would not, I believe, take him many years to be able to report a strong Parish.

April 15. A day of darkness and horror, such as our country never before experienced! In the morning of this day was carried, with lightning speed, to many millions of people, the awful announcement that Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States had been assassinated on the previous evening, Good Friday, in the city of Washington. The sensation of amazement, indignation and grief were such as never came before to any nation on earth. It may, too, be truly said, that never before were there so much religious principle and salutary humiliation in the overwhelming grief of a great people. The Lord that reigneth has been sought in faith and acknowledged in submission. As this remarkable man was given by a benignant Providence to the stern necessities of the time, may the crushing shock occasioned by his sudden departure be sanctified to the spiritual good of this whole people.

April 19—*Wednesday.* I visited St. Thomas' Church, Dover; preached and Confirmed fifteen persons. Evening Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Salter, a chaplain in the Navy of the United States, and the Rev. Mr. Clark, now Rector of the Church. I am most happy to find this Church in a condition so prosperous, and see nothing to prevent its becoming, very soon, one of our strong, willing, and self-supporting Churches. Some alterations have been made in the chancel, which I consider a great improvement. I trust we have seen, in this Diocese, the last of high, pent-up pulpits, standing on the north side of the chancel and altar.

April 21—*Friday.* I visited St. John's Church, Portsmouth; preached and confirmed sixteen persons. The Rev. Mr. Clark was so kind as to accompany me in this visit. By him was read Evening Prayer. The candidates were of course presented by the Rev. Mr. Davies, Rector. I am thankful for the privilege of recording that I have never found this Church in a condition so happy. In every grace and in every interest there is abundant proof of life and growth. In that large Church not a pew is unoccupied. I cannot but hope, that the liberal hearts which now fill St. John's, will, at no distant day, be planning for another Church in that prosperous city.

April 23—*Sunday.* I passed this day at St. Philip's Church, Epping. It was a special visitation made for the purpose of enquiring into its condition, since the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Fisher, and of seeing what might be its prospects. I read Morning Prayer and preached, not feeling quite able to undertake a second service. The congregation consisted of about fifty persons. In the responsive parts of the service I was pleased to hear a good swell of voices. The choir, in which some changes had taken place, did their duty exceedingly well. There are in this Parish numbers of warm and earnest hearts, who will steadfastly labor for the rising of the Church. I trust they will not be discouraged, but, looking to the abundance of promised grace, will press onward patiently and faithfully. I pray that a clergyman may soon appear to take charge of this flock.

April 28. By Letter Dimissory from the Bishop of Maryland, I am most happy to receive into this Diocese the Rev. Joseph Howland Coit. Mr. Coit has become associated with the Rev. Dr. Coit in the Rectorship of St. Paul's School—a relief greatly needed by the latter.

April 30. I made a visitation of Trinity Church, Claremont, preached and Confirmed nine persons—making seventeen confirmed within twelve months. I record with grateful satisfaction, that this Parish, of which the Rev. Mr. Peck is now Rector, has never been in a state of more vigorous activity and encouraging prosperity. It is a pleasure to see how easily funds are raised for its useful and beneficent purposes. May this spirit grow stronger and stronger, as mercies are multiplied upon it.

May 7—*Sunday.* I made a visitation to St. Luke's Church, Charlestown. In the morning I Confirmed four persons, and addressed them concerning the duties and privileges pertaining to that rite; and with assistance of the Rector administered the holy communion. In the afternoon I preached. The congregation nearly filled that beautiful Church. And what an affecting swell of voices in the responses! It was refreshing to hear it. And how delightful it is to see, as an observer may see here, the spirit of true religion growing healthily with and in the Church! The Parish is but three years old from its organization, and now there were present thirty-four communicants around the altar. I am happy to add, that the Parish is out of debt, and supports its Rector within itself. Such harmony of spirit and energy of action would raise up happy and prosperous Parishes in many of our towns.

May 14—*Sunday.* I passed this day in a visitation of Union Church, Claremont. In the forenoon I preached on the subject of Confirmation. In the afternoon I Confirmed seven persons and delivered an address to them and to all Christian people in the congregation. Morning and Evening Prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Smith, Rector. This was to me, and apparently to the people generally, a day of unusual interest.

May 21—*Sunday.* This day I made my annual visitation to St.

Paul's Church, Concord. After Morning Prayer, read by the Rev. Dr. Eames, Rector, I read the Ante-Communion Service and preached. In the evening after Prayers by the Rev. Messrs. H. A. Coit, D. D., and J. H. Coit, and a sermon by the latter, I Confirmed sixteen persons. The congregation filled the seats of that large Church in both parts of the day. I could not but feel deeply and gratefully impressed as I saw how this congregation has increased during the last two or three years. Its numbers must have doubled. And then, the fullness and distinctness of the responses are delightful to hear.

May 22—*Monday*. By the kindness of an "excellent lady" of St. Paul's Church I was taken out to the School, where I was engaged this day and the following, with aid of Presbyters, in examining candidates for Ordination.

May 24—In St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton, I ordained to the Priesthood the Rev. William Schouler, Jr., Minister of that Church, and now its Rector. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Messrs. Eames and Putnam, and the sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. H. A. Coit, who also presented the candidate. There was also present and joined in the imposition of hands the Rev. J. H. Coit of St. Paul's School. This was a day of uncommon interest in the Parish of St. Andrew's Church. The congregation was large and attentive. The Rev. Mr. Schouler, who has officiated there with great acceptance during the last year, now assumes the high responsibility of Rector. Believing that faithful laborers will have the blessing of God, I look for much good fruit in that interesting field.

May 25—*Ascension Day*. In St. Paul's Chapel, after Morning Prayer, in which several Clergymen took part, and a sermon of remarkable power and appropriateness from the Rev. Dr. Kerfoot, President of Trinity College in Connecticut, I ordained to the Diaconate Mr. Hall Harrison and Mr. John Hargate. The former is a Candidate for the Priesthood. They were presented by the Rev. Drs. Kerfoot and Coit. After Evening Prayer there was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Muhlenburg, of New York, an address on those great and all-important subjects which should unceasingly fill the minds of persons, especially the young, who are in training for the responsibilities of time and the blessedness of eternity. I feel much indebted to this Reverend Brother for his presence and assistance on the interesting occasion. After the address, I Confirmed eleven persons, and spoke to them a few words of counsel. This was one of those delightful seasons we have so often enjoyed at this blessed and blessing Institution. There were present at most of the services the following clergymen: The Rev. Drs. Muhlenberg, Eames, Kerfoot, Clover (of Illinois,) and Coit. The Rev. Messrs. Buel (of Vt.,) Putnam (of New-Jersey,) J. H. Coit, Schouler, Valpey, Harrison and Hargate.

May 30. I Confirmed six persons in St. James' Church Keene.

It must be evident to all who are acquainted with our past history, that this Diocese has never been in a state of more encouraging pros-

perity. For the grace given to us and diffused among the people, stirring up everywhere a spirit of enquiry, may we all be deeply thankful, and may we take encouragement to redouble our efforts in the work of glorifying our divine Master and saving the souls of men. We have now twenty-one organized Churches, besides the Chapel of St. Paul's School, which is open to the attendance of people living in the vicinity. There are also many places where our services are earnestly desired and called for, of which I think it proper to mention a few: Lancaster, Haverhill, North-Conway, Exeter, Peterborough and Newport. If we had the Ministers and the means I cannot doubt that the blessing of God would go with us to a great and good work. We have now twenty-two clergymen, all of whom are engaged in labors for building up the kingdom of Christ on earth. It seems but a few years since our number was only eight. Of the whole number of our Churches, I think it proper to mention, only seven can be considered self-supporting, or, able, as they suppose, to maintain their ministers by means within themselves. I do most earnestly hope and pray that three at least may be added to this number before another meeting of the Convention.

I have Confirmed 110 persons, Consecrated one church, Ordained three Deacons and three Priests; and we now have five candidates for Holy Orders, viz: Messrs. Charles L. Hutchins, Nathaniel F. Putnam, John T. Wheeler, Robert A. Benton, and Edward C. Gardiner. I have travelled during the year nearly two thousand miles, mostly in the service of the Church. I have, I think, officiated on seventeen Sundays, besides holding many week-day services.

There is one thing which I here refer to with most grateful emotions. It is the fact, that among the clergy of this Diocese there exists the most perfect harmony of sentiment, word, and action, on those great subjects of doctrine and duty which constitute the work-field of their most holy profession. In this respect no Diocese can be more blessed than ours. And here I feel constrained to say a few words of a kindred thing. I desire to express my deep anxiety touching the importance of harmony in thought, word and act, among the people of our Parishes. In no politic body—in no association of individuals for the advancement of a common interest,—are strife and contention so injurious as here. Never is there a greater necessity that the friends of the Church take counsel of the Holy Apostle and "walk by the same rule, and mind the same thing." To this there is an obligation high and solemn, binding on every member of a Parish. In a few cases—and God be praised that I am able to say they *are* few—I have been deeply pained to see feeble Parishes growing more feeble under the want of harmony in spirit, and of a determination to "stand by the things which make for peace." Majorities must govern, and no one, who loves the Church and desires its growth and success in the community where he lives, should hesitate to concur with the general mind in measures

for building it up. There are sometimes uneasy and unmanageable minds, which, if they cannot have things in their own way, will secede. Let them not be hindered in going, and let them be no more remembered but with prayer for their repentance. At their departure let there be silence. None can at once love and forsake the Church.

Before I close I wish to say a few words respecting the preparation of classes for Confirmation. As this is a ritual and spiritual admission, on the basis of confessions and vows in baptism, to the enjoyment of all the privileges of grace in the Church, it is important that there should be a thorough preparation of mind and heart in the candidates. This is a work which cannot be done in a week; nor can it be done in a month. The christian pastor must be patient and persevering in the work of instruction round the year; and not with the congregation only, but with social circles, with bible classes, and with individuals—marking for particular attention those in whom he may observe the rising of a tender and enquiring spirit. And when any appear, who have through grace attained to the comfort of faith and hope, and are "ready and desirous" to be Confirmed, let them be admitted to the communion immediately, with an understanding that they will receive Confirmation at the first opportunity. As the season of visitation approaches, those, and others of like purposes and desires, may be called together a few times by the pastor for final instruction and counsel.

Thus, what I wish to recommend and advise is, that, when one class of candidates has been Confirmed, the pastor immediately begin to form another, and not wait for that purpose till the approach of another visitation. This course will be most likely to form, under the grace of the spirit, steadfast characters in those who profess and call themselves christians. It will secure to them at an early day the enjoyment of the great and essential privileges of "members of Christ and inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven."

And now, dear brethren, the clergy and people of this Convention and of the Diocese, I "commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance" in glory. For the little time that remains to me in this stewardship I shall greatly need your prayers, with a continuance and increase of that kind, indulgent and helpful consideration which has ever been a comfort to me in my labors. I am less anxious that you pray for a lengthening of my life, than that I may be enabled to work while my days last.

The Secretary read the reports of the Treasurer of the Convention and of the Bishop's Fund, and they were ordered to be printed in the Appendix.

On motion, proceeded to elect a Treasurer of the Convention and of the Bishop's Fund. The chair appointed Rev. Mr. Renouf and

Hope Lathrop, Esq., to collect and count the ballots, and HORACE A. BROWN, of Concord, was declared elected.

Rev. Mr. Renouf offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Convention pay to the Secretary the amount of his traveling expenses to and from the Convention. Adopted.

The Committee on Nominations, through Rev. Dr. Herrick, reported

For Delegates to the General Convention—Rev. J. H. Eames, D. D., Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard, D. D., Rev. Henry A. Coit, D. D., Rev. M. A. Herrick, D. D., William L. Foster, Esq., Hon. Charles A. Tufts, Arnold Briggs, Esq., T. B. Kittredge, M. D.

Provisional Deputies—Rev. Thomas F. Davies, Rev. John M. Peck, Rev. Francis Chase, Rev. Edward A. Renouf, Edward A. Abbot, Wm. P. Wheeler, Horace C. Bacon, John W. Moore, Esqs.

Preacher of the Missionary Sermon—Rev. John W. Clark; substitute, Rev. William Schouler, Jr.

Preacher of the Convention Sermon—Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard, D. D.; substitute, Rev. Joseph H. Coit.

The foregoing report having been read, the President appointed Rev. Mr. Valpey and Hon. C. A. Tufts tellers, and the Convention proceeded to ballot, and elected the several gentlemen therein named to the positions assigned them by the committee.

The committee also reported St. Paul's Church, Concord, as the place for holding the next Convention. Adopted.

The Finance Committee, by the Rev. Mr. Davies, presented the following

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have observed with regret that several of the Parishes of the Diocese were delinquent in their payments on the day of the meeting of the Convention. They earnestly recommend that each Parish pay its assessment by the 1st of January next.

They also report that they find the following assessments necessary to meet the salary of the Bishop and the expenses of the Convention the present year:

	Expenses.	Bishop's Salary.
St. John's Church, Portsmouth, (including tythes)	$16.00	$180.00
Union Church, Claremont, (including tythes)	8.00	90.00
Trinity Church, Claremont,	7.00	80.00
St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	4.00	40.00
St. Paul's Church, Concord,	6.00	60.00
Trinity Church, Cornish,	1.00	15.00
St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	1.00	5.00
St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	1.00	5.00
Grace Church, Manchester,	4.00	40.00
St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	1.00	10.00
St. Luke's Church, Nashua,	2.00	15.00
St. James' Church, Keene,	2.00	15.00
Grace Church, Laconia,	1.00	5.00
Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge,	2.00	15.00
St. Philip's Church, Epping,	1.00	5.00

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, ...	$1.00	$5.00
St. John's Church, Walpole, ...	1.00	5.00
St. Luke's Church, Charlestown, ...	1.00	10.00
From a Gentleman, ...		100.00
From Treasurer of Donations, ...		200.00
	$60.00	$900.00

Respectfully submitted by
THOMAS F. DAVIES, *for the Committee.*

The President appointed Rev. Drs. Hubbard and Eames a committee "to prepare a condensed report and tabular view of the state of the Church in this Diocese," agreeably to Canon 4.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to procure the printing of 600 copies of the Journal of this Convention.

Rev. Dr. Eames offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the congregation of St. James' Church, Keene, for their liberal hospitality to both the clerical and lay delegates to this Convention.

Rev. Dr. Coit offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That, with the approval of the Rt. Rev. President, this Convention request the Rev. Dr. Eames to spend the months of July and August in an exploration of the mission-field in the northern counties of the Diocese, and the Convention recommend that his traveling expenses be met by funds in the hands of the Treasurer of the Board of Diocesan Missions.

There being no further business, on motion, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

Attest: HORACE A. BROWN, *Secretary.*

NOTE.—Owing to illness of the Secretary of the Board of "Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New-Hampshire," no report has been received for publication at this time.

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, HANOVER.

No very material change has taken place in this congregation during the past year. We have held on an even course, favored however in some particulars. The ladies have been active and successful. They have made some articles, and sold them for $53, the money to be applied to the purchase of books for the Sunday School library; $50 have been collected towards buying chairs for the chancel. We have also been presented with a very handsome prayer book for the altar. Something has been done towards raising funds to purchase a baptismal Font; we hope to succeed in this desirable object. Collections have been made for Domestic Missions. The general attendance on the services of the Church has been quite as good as ever, perhaps rather improved. The summer congregation has been much larger than formerly. Several visitors, chiefly Church people, came to this village to spend the hot season, and they added to our numbers. One of these visitors gave us the Prayer Book, another contributed a large portion of the sum now in hand for the purchase of chairs. We held evening services on Wednesdays during Lent. They were well attended in spite of severe discouraging weather. I have officiated at two funerals—one only belonging to the congregation. The Sunday School is still maintained with vigor and regularity; our teachers zealous and efficient as ever; a new superintendent, who is doing his work admirably; scholars varying in numbers from about twenty to forty. Our choir the same as ever; always kind, prompt and efficient; two of its members have been with us now for upwards of twelve years; the others have changed, but we have always been supplied. During great part of the year, now past, two young gentlemen, students, gave us highly valuable aid, and in a most obliging spirit. We have had an excellent volunteer sexton, who has done, and continues to do his work well. An excellent spirit seems to be at work among those connected with this Church, and we trust we shall still have the grace to do our work faithfully and go forward.

EDWARD BOURNS.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CHARLESTOWN.

REV. FRANCIS CHASE, RECTOR.

PORTER SPENCER, } Wardens.
GEORGE OLCOTT, }

GEORGE OLCOTT, Clerk and Treasurer.

Families, 37. Baptisms: infants, 9; adults, 2; total, 11. Confirmations, 4. Communicants: number last reported, 25; added, 6; lost by death, 1; present number, 30. Marriages, 5. Burials, 5. Sunday School: teachers, 7; scholars, 45. Offerings for Parochial purposes, $36.10; for communion alms, $39.21. Missions: Diocesan, $12.51; Domestic, $11.90; Foreign, $14.03. Total offerings in Church, $113.75. Extra contributions, $150.00.

The Parish this year becomes self-supporting, and it is hoped that by the continuance of the divine blessing it will continue so for the future. Our numbers are not large, but all are willing to work together heartily for the cause of Christ's Church; and the Parish grows with as much rapidity as we can reasonably expect.

WARDENS' REPORT.

The Wardens of St. Luke's Church, Charlestown, respectfully report:

Value of all property belonging to the Parish, $3000.00. Salary paid to the Rector, $700.00. Indebtedness, none.

Of the Rector's salary $470 is derived from the rental of pews, $80 from the Propagation right in the town, and the remaining $150 from the Ladies Sewing Society.

PORTER SPENCER, } Wardens.
GEORGE OLCOTT, }

Charlestown, N. H., 29th May, 1865.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, DOVER.

REV. JOHN W. CLARK, RECTOR.

WILLIAM HALE, } Wardens. JOHN J. DUXBURY, Clerk.
JAS. A. RICHARDSON, } WM. HALE, Treasurer.

Baptisms: adults, 7; infants, 1; confirmed, 15. Communicants, 108; Marriages, 1; Burials, 1. Sunday School teachers, 15; scholars, 100; library, 500 volumes. Contributions: Bishop's salary, $40.00; Convention expenses, $4.00; Parish purposes, $734.84, ($682 of this amount was contributed by the ladies); Foreign Missions, $30.62; Communion alms, $81.18; Easter offerings, $140.00; Sunday School Christmas Festival, $89.00; Incidental expenses, $100.36; Donation of an individual to the Rector, $52.29; total, $1,222.29. Communion alms before my Rectorship, $16.81; total $1,239.10.

The present Rector entered upon his duties Dec. 1st, 1864. During the period of the Conventional year previous to that date, according to the record in the Parish Register, there were 4 infant baptisms, 4 marriages, and 4 burials.

During the month of April the Church was improved by the removal of the cumbrous reading desk and pulpit, that had filled up the chancel, and rendered quite a number of the pews unavailable. A plain and appropriate lectern has been substituted, and the chancel floor has been newly carpeted, the carpet having been paid for by the Easter gift of a lady of the Parish. The prosperous condition of the Parish, is, in a good degree, owing to the zeal and industry of the Wardens, in keeping up the services, while they were without a Rector, in which they were kindly aided by a former Rector, Rev. Thomas G. Salter, now a Chaplain in the United States Navy.

WARDENS' REPORT.

Value of property belonging to the Parish, $5.950. Rector's salary, $1,000, raised by subscription. Indebtedness, none. The temporal condition of the Parish is encouraging.

WM. HALE, } Wardens.
J. A. RICHARDSON, }

Dover, N. H., May 29, 1865.

CHAPEL OF ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL.

REV. HENRY A. COIT, D. D., RECTOR.

Baptisms: children, 5, one of which is reported from St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton; adults, 4; total, 9. Confirmed, 11. Communicants: added, 14; removed, 8; died, 1; present number, 31. Funerals, 1. Services on all Sundays and holy days. Sunday School scholars, about 30; teachers, Rev. T. G. Valpey, Messrs. Hargate and Benton. Contributions: Domestic Missions, $50; Foreign

Missions, $50; Diocesan Missions, $50; St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, $227; St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton, $100; St. Luke's Church, Nashua, $25; St. Philip's Church, Epping, $20; Rev. Dr. Breck's Mission, Faribault, Minnesota, $100; St. Stephen's Mission, Boston, $75; Society for the increase of the Ministry, $50; General Theological Seminary, $50; Christian Commission, $100: Soldier's Aid Society, Concord, $50; total, $947.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH.

REV. THOMAS FREDERICK DAVIES, RECTOR.

JAMES P. BARTLETT, CHRISTOPHER C. JACKSON, } Wardens. JOSHUA W. PEIRCE, Treasurer. JOHN W. FERNALD, Clerk.

Baptisms: children, 27; adults, 8; total, 35. Confirmations, 16. Communicants: number last reported, 190; added by removal, 10; added anew, 13; lost by removal, 5; lost by death, 5; present number, 203. Marriages, 9. Burials, 28. Sunday School: teachers, 23; scholars, 200. Contributions for Parochial purposes: for Sunday School, $74.00; for sufferers by fire, $101.00; Communion alms and other offerings for poor, $241.58; Diocesan Missions, $69.00; additional for St. Stephen's, Pittsfield, $41.00; Domestic Missions, $34.59; Rev. S. D. Hinman's Indian Mission, $34.45. Ladies' Missionary Society subscription for Missions, $50.00; Ladies' Missionary Society, for mission sales, $70.00; the same for Appleton, Wisconsin, $30.00; the same for church at Nashotah, $20.00; Foreign Missions, $30.00; Society for increase of Ministry, $30.00; N. Y. Bible and Prayer Book Society, $6.00; National Sailors' Fair, $66.04; collection for Bishop's Salary, $31.98; total, $929.64.

WARDENS' REPORT.

Property: Church, Rectory and Chapel. Fund: average income about $800, which is charged with payments towards Bishop's salary, to the Church at Hanover, for the support of an organist, for the weekly distribution of bread to the poor of the Parish, and for fuel and clothing to the destitute during the winter season. The remainder is available toward the Rector's salary, the balance of which is made up by taxation of the proprietors and parishioners. Indebtedness, $3000.

J. P. BARTLETT, C. C. JACKSON, } Wardens.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CONCORD.

REV. J. H. EAMES, D. D., RECTOR.

HORACE A. BROWN, FRANKLIN LOW, } Wardens. S. C. EASTMAN, Clerk. E. A. ABBOT, Treasurer.

Baptisms: infants, 10; adults, 8; total, 18. Confirmations, 16. Marriages, 3. Burials, 9. Communicants, 168. Sunday School: teachers, 14; scholars, 125. Alms for increase of Ministry, $30; for Diocesan Missions, $33; for sick and wounded soldiers, $22.64; for Sunday School, poor, and other Parish purposes, $106.12; from children of Sunday School, for Domestic Missions, $15.50; total amount of offerings, $207.26.

The Parish has increased during the past year to such an extent that all the sittings in the Church have been taken up; and to supply even the present want it will be necessary to enlarge the Church edifice. We have lost by death during the past year one of the oldest and most valuable members of the Parish. For many years filling the highest position in the Parish, in the Church, and in the Diocese, Mr. David Davis will be long remembered and sadly missed.

WARDENS' REPORT.

Value of Church building and appurtenances, $18,000; all in good condition.

The Parish debt was, April 1, 1865, $3120.34. There are pews unsold, appraised at $6520.

by the efforts of the Ladies' Parish Aid Society, and through the liberality of individuals, for a parsonage fund, donations to the Rector, and other purposes aside from the regular parochial expenses.

Morning and Evening Prayer, with lectures, was observed during Lent, also the Rogation Days; and the Holy Communion administered on every Holy Day for which there is prescribed a special preface, as well as on the customary first Sunday in each month. During a portion of the past year the Bible Class has been regularly instructed by the Rector, with increased numbers and interest.

The extreme kindness, good will, and noble manifestations, on the part of this people towards their minister, both as to the personal comfort of himself and family, and also in his defence against the attacks of ignorance and prejudice, will ever hold the deepest place in his affectionate remembrance. May the good Shepherd lead them into the fold of salvation and peace forevermore.

In connection with the above report it is proper to add, that during the past summer a few missionary services were held in Newport with the ultimate prospect of a Church being organized in that place.

WARDENS' REPORT.

Real estate, valued at $8000; Organ, valued at $1500; total, $9500. Salary paid the Rector, $800; paid the Bishop, $80.00; Convention assessment, $7.00, which is derived from rent of pews. Indebtedness, none. The temporal condition of the Parish was never more encouraging than at the present time.

C. M. Bingham, Arnold Briggs, } Wardens.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KEENE.

REV. EDWARD A. RENOUF, RECTOR.

T. B. Kittredge, W. P. Wheeler, } Wardens. — D. H. Woodward, Clerk. — T. B. Kittredge, Treasurer.

Families, 57, containing 119 adults, and 61 children; other individuals, 29; total, 209. Baptisms: adults, 7; children, 3; total, 10. Marriages, 4. Burials: adults, 7; children, 2; total, 9. Public Services: Sundays, 105; other days, 22; total, 127. The Holy Communion was administered, publicly, fourteen times; privately, once; total, 15 times. Communicants: male, 11; female, 34; total, 45.

Our Sunday School numbers 48 children, 26 girls and 22 boys. This, as will be seen, is a fair proportion of all the children in the Parish, (61) allowance being made for infants. On Easter Day, at Evening Service, the school was publicly catechized. We have nine teachers, one librarian, and one assistant. During the Christmas holidays a festival was held at Cheshire Hall, when books and refreshments were distributed. For the last two years it has been deemed expedient that the expenses of the Sunday School should be met by the contributions of its members, and the congregation has not been called upon to support it by meeting its expenses. During the past year the collections in the school have amounted to $17.48. By using the accumulations of former years, we purchased last summer 140 volumes to replenish our library, which now consists of 311 volumes. The cost of catalogues was $5.00, and we paid for books of instruction, $3.48. In connection with this library we have laid the foundation of a parochial library, which promises to do much good. It consists, at present, of 64 volumes.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle have continued their labors during the past year in such a manner as to add greatly to the efficiency of the Parish. A Strawberry Festival was held June 30, and a sale of fancy articles and refreshments was made in connection with the Sunday School Festival. The cushions in the Church, costing a little more than $470.00, were furnished by the industry of the ladies.—They were ready to furnish two important articles of the chancel furniture, but were disappointed by the failure of the maker to do his work in time.

The collections taken at stated periods, amount to $155.76. Of these, $17.00 were raised for the Bishop's salary, and the expenses of the Convention; $12.63 for Domestic Missions; $10.20 for Foreign Missions; $21.00 for Diocesan Missions, and $26.22 for the Christmas Sunday School Festival, and for adorning the Church. The remainder was used in defraying the current expenses. During the past year, our organ, built by Mr. Nutting, of Bellows Falls, was paid for by the congregation, at the cost of $1100.00, and a melodeon, formerly used by us, valued at $100.00. The carpet, with which the floor throughout the Church is covered, is the gift of D. H. Ward, Esq., one of the Vestry, and is valued at $675.00. A silk covering of the communion table and lectern, appropriately embroidered, is the gift of Mrs. Ward. The Bible was presented by Mrs. M. L. Newell; a large desk Prayer Book, by Mrs. Wm. Lamson; a Font, by Mr. James Snow, of Grand Rapids, Michigan; and the two chancel Prayer Books are the gift of Mr. R. L. Mulford, of New York City. Of the memorial windows, one was presented by Mrs. Gen. Griffin, another by Miss Elizabeth Sprague of Claremont, in memory of her brother, the late Rev. Dr. Sprague, a native of Keene, a third by the relatives of the late H. M. Parker, Esq., of Boston. The ladies of the Parish have made, at their own cost, the centre-piece of the front triplet window, a memorial of the late Mrs. H. L. Renouf. The furnaces, with their fixtures, costing about $450.00, are chiefly the gift of the Rector.

September 25th we were visited by the Bishop, who preached twice, and confirmed eight persons. May 30th the Bishop confirmed six persons. Of these fourteen, eleven are heads of families. As an earnest of what may be expected, at a more advanced stage of growth, a Sunday School is conducted by a lady, a member of the Church, at the Poor Farm, three miles from the village, and though the enterprise has been commenced within a few weeks, twelve pupils attend, and more will probably soon be added.

The deep and very flattering interest manifested in the growth and prosperity of this Parish, by churchmen everywhere, must plead as our excuse for a report, so fully detailed, and for what is to be further said of what has been to us, the most interesting event of the year.

On the thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, Aug. 21, 1864, the congregation entered their new Church edifice. This building is of granite, consisting of a nave, two aisles, recess chancel, organ room, vestry room, porch, and tower entrance. It is eighty-eight feet in length, inside, and forty-eight feet in width. The interior wall is of brick, plastered, and is separated from the stone-work by an air-space of four inches. The arrangements for warming and ventilating the Church work satisfactorily. There are 482 sittings, according to the plans; but at present there are not so many actually available. The building is lighted with gas. The tower is raised but a little above the eaves. For other particulars reference is made to the report of the Wardens. In the progress and prosperity of the Parish, during the last year, the Rector sees every ground for encouragement, and is grateful to God for the success which has thus far attended us.

WARDENS' REPORT.

The Wardens of the Parish of St. James' Church, Keene, report that during the past year, ending at Easter, the new Church edifice has been completed, excepting the chancel furniture and tower, at the expense of about $15,500, exclusive of the land. A new organ has been purchased, at a cost of over $1200, and paid for. The subscriptions for building the Church have not yet been fully paid, and the amount of debt left upon the Parish cannot be accurately stated until another year. The Church property belongs exclusively to the Parish, and no pews have been sold, or are intended for sale.

During about six months the receipts for pew rent have been $395.85. Amount raised by a subscription now in progress, $115. Sunday offerings, devoted to Parish purposes, $118.20. Our Rector has remained with us on the same salary stated last year.

THOMAS B. KITTREDGE, }
WILLIAM P. WHEELER, } Wardens.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, HOPKINTON.

REV. WM. SCHOULER, JR., MINISTER.

HORACE CHASE, SAMUEL R. ADAMS, } Wardens. — GEORGE G. PHELPS, Clerk. GEORGE W. CURRIER, Treasurer.

Baptisms: infants, 3, (two not belonging to the Parish or Diocese); adults, 1. Communicants: added anew, 1; lost by death, 3; present number, 40. Burials, 3. Sunday School: teachers, 4; scholars, 29. Contributions: for Domestic Missions, $8.50; for Foreign Missions, $10.40; society for the increase of the Ministry, $4.71.

Services have been maintained in this Church regularly since the first Sunday in July last, when the present incumbent entered upon his duties. He has also held two missionary services in Dunbarton, a town adjoining, and on several Sundays has officiated at the chapel connected with St. Paul's School, Concord, during vacations of the School. The prospects of St. Andrew's Parish are encouraging, and I trust the coming year will be fruitful in good results.

UNION CHURCH, WEST CLAREMONT.

REV. HENRY S. SMITH, RECTOR.

SOLON C. GRANNIS, ALONZO THOMAS, FREDERICK JONES, } Wardens. — HENRY A. REDFIELD, Clerk. LEONARD GILMORE, Treasurer.

Baptisms: adults, 5; children, 5; total, 10. Confirmations, 7. Communicants last reported, 42; died, 1; removed, 1; present number, 40. Marriages, 2. Burials, 11,—7 out of the Parish. Sunday School: teachers, 4; scholars, 20. Contributions: communion alms, $8.11; Missions: Diocesan, $6.25; Domestic, $4.00; Extra: Donation to the Rector, $70.00; Ladies' Association for relief of soldiers, $150.00.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, PITTSFIELD.

REV. DANIEL F. SMITH, RECTOR.

BENJAMIN EMERSON, R. P. J. TENNEY, } Wardens. — EDWARD O. SANDERSON, Clerk. HIRAM A. TUTTLE, Treasurer.

Families, 21. Baptisms: infants, 1. Communicants: number last reported, 3; added by removal, 2; added anew, 8; present number, 13. Marriages, 1. Sunday School: teachers, 6; scholars, 20. Contributions: for parochial purposes, exclusive of Rector's salary, $94.57; communion alms, $11.93; Diocesan Missions, $12.00; Domestic Missions, $10.00.

There has been a steady, though slow growth, in this Parish during the past year. The strong interest which the parishioners manifest in the welfare of the Church, their eagerness to learn its doctrines, their zeal in laboring for its prosperity, and the complete harmony which has attended all its concerns, have encouraged the Rector to believe in a future of still greater growth and prosperity for this Parish. A number are anxiously awaiting the Bishop's visit for Confirmation.

WARDENS' REPORT.

Value of Church lot, and buildings thereon, $3250.00; organ, $500.00; total, $3750.00. The property is in good condition. There is owed by the Parish, on mortgage of the premises, $300.00; on pews, (without interest) $300.00; on floating debts due for Church building, materials, &c., $150.00; total, $750.00. Leaving property, above all debts, amounting to $3000.00.

The Church lot and buildings thereon, have been conveyed, by deed, to "the Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New-Hampshire," to be held by

said Trustees in trust for the use and benefit of this Parish, thus securing the premises from all danger of alienation in the future. The salary of the Rector is $700, and is paid partly by pew rents and subscription, and partly from Missionary sources.

BENJAMIN EMERSON, R. P. J. TENNEY, } Wardens.

Pittsfield, N. H., May 16, 1865.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, HOLDERNESS.

REV. HENRY HAZARD, MINISTER.

J. F. KEYES, ORRIN CLOUGH, } Wardens. THOMAS SPLAINE, Clerk. J. F. KEYES, Treasurer.

Baptisms: infants, 5; adults, 2; total, 7. Confirmations, none. Communicants: number last reported, 45; added by removal, 3; lost by removal, 26; present number, 22. Some of these reside at a distance from the Parish; some are detained by age and infirmity, others absent themselves without giving proper reasons; so that we seldom see half the number stated at the Lord's table. Marriages, 4. Burials, 8. Sunday School: teachers, 1; scholars, 30. Through *removal*, *death*, and still more the neglect of parents to *send* their children, this once flourishing Sunday School has lately diminished to 12 children. Contributions: for parochial purposes, $80.00; communion alms, $34.80; towards Bishop's salary, $5.00; towards expenses of Convention, $1.00; towards minister's support, $300.00. Sermons preached, 120. Holy Communion administered 13 times. Church Wardens report same as last year. The Church has undergone much improvement during the year. A handsome Font has been presented, cost $62, and a furnace chimney built (and *nearly* paid for) at an expense of $117.52.

GRACE CHURCH, PLAINFIELD, AND TRINITY CHURCH, CORNISH.

Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of New-Hampshire:

RT. REV. SIR—During the summer and fall of 1864, I held service on alternate Sunday afternoons at Grace Church, Plainfield, and Trinity Church, Cornish.

The congregation at Grace Church, Plainfield, was good in point of numbers, (averaging about 60) was decorous and attentive as usual, and I think improving in the use of the Prayer Book. This Parish has six communicants. I administered Holy Communion *once* in public, when $2.80 were collected for our Foreign Missions. I also officiated at one funeral. I have recovered the old Record Book of this Parish, with the minutes of its first formation in 1840. For some years past no attempt has been made to keep up an organization.

In Trinity Church, Cornish, the attendance was not so large as in former seasons, but rather more regular. There are eight communicants. I have administered the Holy Communion here *once* in public, when a collection of $1.75 was made for Domestic Missions. I have here officiated at five funerals. About $100 have been raised, chiefly by the efforts of Mrs. John L. Putnam, and expended upon the much needed repairs of the Church building. This Parish has given $3 to the contingent fund of the Diocese. The Wardens of Trinity Church, Cornish, are Mr. Wm. Balloch, and Mr. W. C. Hart. Treasurer, Mr. H. G. P. Cross. Registrar, Hon. J. L. Putnam.

Besides the above collections, these two Parishes, (three or four persons excepted) have done nothing in acknowledgment of the regular preaching of the gospel amongst them. It gives me great regret to be able to record no contributions towards the Bishop's salary or the expenses of the Diocese, other than the $3 mentioned above, and $1 usually paid from Plainfield. I have been given to understand, however, that something will probably be paid for Cornish at the next convention.

I regret also that I can record no Baptisms or Confirmations. These signs of true progress in christian growth I greatly long to see. God only knows what is

growing in the heart, but so long as these outward evidences are wanting I cannot commend these people as I would. I have been a little encouraged by the serious attention of the Plainfield people to the service, and by the formation of a small Sunday School at Cornish, which was kept in action last winter, long after my series of services closed.

MALCOLM DOUGLASS,
Rector of St. Paul's, Windsor, Vt.

Windsor, Vt., May 18, 1865.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, EPPING.

Baptisms: infants, 2; total, 2. Confirmed, 6. Burials, 1. Communicants: admitted, 6; lost by removal, 2; present number, 18. Contributions: for Domestic Missions, $3.00; Sanitary Commission, $3.00; Sunday School, $18.57; other objects, $25.68; total, $45.25. Parish and Sunday School Libraries: number of volumes, 150.

This report is made up to January, 1865, by the Rev. F. S. Fisher, late Rector. Since January 1st, 1865, the Church has been opened but once for service. We wait in hope.

HORACE C. BACON, Senior Warden.

DOVER, May 29th, 1865.

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR—From the date of my last report to Oct. 1st, 1864, I was engaged in the discharge of my duties on the U. S. steam frigate Minnesota. Since that period, (waiting the orders of the Navy Department) I have officiated in various Parishes in this and other Dioceses, and trust that, through the grace of God, some "good fruits" may have resulted from these services.

Very respectfully and truly yours,
THOMAS G. SALTER,
Chaplain U. S. N.

Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of New-Hampshire.

U. S. FRIGATE, NIAGARA, LISBON, May 6, 1865.

To the Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of N. H.:

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR—I would hereby most respectfully report that during the last Conventional year I have been attached to the U. S. frigate Niagara, on a foreign cruise.

In addition to my regular duties as Chaplain of the same, I have buried three persons, two at sea and one on shore, and baptised an infant.

On several occasions I have officiated by preaching and otherwise in English churches at different ports visited, and have also had the pleasure of welcoming clergymen of that church to my own services on board ship.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
WM. A. HITCHCOCK,
Chaplain U. S. N.

In compliance with the Canon, the undersigned reports that he has been engaged the last year, (as during the previous three years) at St. Paul's School, in assisting Rev. Dr. Coit in the services of the chapel, and in the work of the school. As occasion has presented, he has also officiated in other places of the State, and also in Massachusetts and Vermont.

THOMAS G. VALPEY.

St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H., May 30, 1865.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Towns.	Parishes.	Rectors.	Baptisms.			Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday Schools.		Missionary Contributions.			Other contributions for religious purposes.
			Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Added.	Died or removed.	Present number.				Teachers.	Scholars.	Diocesan.	Domestic.	Foreign.	
Hanover,	St. Thomas',	Rev. Edward Bourns, LL. D.,											40				$103.00
Charlestown,	St Luke's,	Rev. Francis Chase,	9	2	11	6	1	30	4	5	5	7	45	$12.51	$11.90	$14.03	150.00
Dover,	St. Thomas',	Rev. John W. Clark,	1	7	8			103	15	1	1	15	100			30.62	1208.10
Concord,	Chapel of St. Paul's School,	Rev. Henry A. Coit, D. D.,	5	4	9	14	9	31	11		1	3	30	50.00	50.00	50.00	700.97
Portsmouth,	St. John's,	Rev. Thomas F. Davies,	27	8	35	23	10	203	16	9	28	23	200	69.00	34.59	30.00	796.05
Concord,	St. Paul's,	Rev James H. Eames, D. D.,	10	8	18			168	16	3	9	14	125	33.00	15.50		158.76
Walpole, (Drewsville,)	St. Peter's,	Rev. Frederic S. Fisher,						18			1						
Walpole	St. John's,		3		3			15									
Saubornton Bridge;	Trinity,	Rev. Marcellus A. Herrick, D.D.	3		3	3	2	48		1	4				20.00		98.00
Manchester,	Grace,	Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard, D. D.,	9		9	4	17	134		3	7	14	100	25.00	47.00	20.00	845.00
Claremont,	Trinity,	Rev. John Milton Peck,	13	7	20	13	16	154	17	3	4			37.34	34.00		354.16
Keene,	St. James',	Rev. Edward A. Renouf,	3	7	10			45	14	4	9	9	48	21.00	12.63	10.20	111.93
Hopkinton,	St. Andrew's,	Rev. William Schouler, Jr.,	3	1	4	1	3	40			3	4	29		8.50	10.40	4.71
Claremont,	Union,	Rev. Henry S. Smith,	5	5	10		2	40	7	2	11	4	20	6.25	4.00		228.11
Pittsfield,	St. Stephen's,	Rev. Daniel F. Smith,	1		1	10		13		1		6	20	12.00	10.00		106.50
Holderness,	St. Mark's,	Rev. Henry Hazard,	5	2	7	3	26	22		4	8	1	30				70.80
Cornish,	Trinity,	Vacant,						8			5				1.75		100.00
Plainfield,	Grace,	Vacant,									1					2.30	
Epping,	St. Philip's,	Vacant,	2		2		2	13	6		1				3.00		
Laconia,	Grace,	Vacant—no report.															
Nashua,	St. Luke's,	Vacant—no report.															
			99	51	150	77	88	1085	106	36	98	100	787	$266.10	$252.87	$167.55	$5036.08

DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

JOHN W. MOORE, TREASURER,

1865. IN ACCOUNT WITH THE BISHOP'S FUND, 1864. Dr.

To balance in hands of Treasurer, 1864,	$8.00
To amount received of St. James' Church, Keene,	15.00
" " St. Luke's Church, Charlestown,	10.00
" " St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	5.00
" " St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield,	5.00
" " St. John's Church, Portsmouth,	180.00
" " St. John's Church, Walpole,	5.00
" " St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	40.00
" " Treasurer of Donations, Boston,	200.00
" " Grace Church, Manchester,	40.00
	$508.00

CONTRA, Cr.

By Rt. Rev. Bishop Chase's receipt for	$500.00	
By balance in hands of Treasurer,	8.00	
	$508.00	
Due from Union Church, Claremont,		$90.00
" Trinity Church, Claremont,		80.00
" St. Paul's Church, Concord,		60.00
" Trinity Church, Cornish,		15.00
" St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,		5.00
" St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,		10.00
" St. Luke's Church, Nashua,		15.00
" Grace Church, Laconia,		5.00
" Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge,		15.00
" St. Philip's Church, Epping,		5.00
" a gentleman,		100.00
		$400.00
Also, due from Trinity Church, Cornish, arrears last year,	$10.00	
" Grace Church, Laconia, " "	5.00	
Total amount now due,		$415.00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. MOORE, TREASURER.

Manchester, May 29, 1865.

DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

JOHN W. MOORE, TREASURER,

1865. IN ACCOUNT WITH THE DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE. Dr.

To balance in hands of the Treasurer, 1864,	$27.32
To amount from St. James' Church, Keene,	2.00
" " St. Luke's Church, Charlestown,	1.00
" " St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	1.00
" " St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield,	1.00
" " St. John's Church, Portsmouth,	16.00
" " St. John's Church, Walpole,	1.00
" " St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	4.00
" " Union Church, West Claremont,	8.00
" " Trinity Church, Cornish,	1.00
" " " " arrears,	2.00
	$64.32

1865.	CONTRA,		Cr.
	By paid J. W. Moore, postages, &c.,	$1.32	
	" H. A. Brown's bill of stationery, &c.,	2.90	
	By balance in hands of Treasurer,	60.10	
		$64.32	
	Due from Trinity Church, Claremont.		$7.00
	" " " " arrears, 1864,		10.50
	" St. Paul's Church, Concord,		6.00
	" St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,		1.00
	" Grace Church, Manchester,		4.00
	" St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,		1.00
	" St. Luke's Church, Nashua,		2.00
	" Grace Church, Laconia,		1.00
	" Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge,		2.00
	" St. Philip's Church, Epping,		1.00
			$35.50

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. MOORE, TREASURER.

Manchester, May 29, 1865.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

FRANCIS CHASE, TREASURER,

1864.	IN ACCOUNT WITH THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.		Dr.
May 25.	To balance on hand,	$258.09	
"	" offertory at Convention,	15.01	
June 2.	" cash from Ladies' Missionary Society of St. John's Church, Portsmouth,	13.00	
1865.			
May 31.	To Easter collections from the following Churches:		
	St. Luke's, Charlestown,	12.76	
	Trinity, Claremont,	37.34	
	St. James', Keene,	21.00	
	St. John's, Portsmouth,	69.00	
	St. Paul's School,	50.00	
	Union, West Claremont,	6.25	
	St. Paul's, Concord,	33.00	
	St. Stephen's, Pittsfield,	12.00	
May 31.	To offertory at Convention,	19.34	
"	" Savings Bank Dividends,	6.77	
		$553.56	

1864.	CONTRA,		Cr.
May 27.	By paid Rev. Dr. Hubbard, Bishop's order,		$50.00
Sept. 27.	" " L. B. Baldwin, " "		50.00
1865.			
Mar. 27.	" " F. Chase, " "		45.00
			$145.00
	Balance on hand, May 31, 1865,		$408.56

FRANCIS CHASE, TREASURER.

NOTE—A contribution of $25.00 for the past year, from Grace Church, Manchester, has been received since the above report was made out.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Morning service of the Church shall be performed every day during the session of the Convention.

2. When the President takes the chair, he shall call the Convention to order, and every member shall remain in his seat, unless he rise to address the chair.

3. The President shall speak to points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide the questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convention by any member.

4. When the Convention is equally divided, the President shall decide the question by his vote: and when his vote, if given to the minority, shall make an equal division, it shall also be his duty to vote, and in such case the question shall be lost.

5. When a member is about to speak upon any question, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat and address himself to the President.

6. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

7. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention without leave, if he be able to attend.

8. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without leave of the Convention, nor more than once until every member wishing to speak shall have spoken.

9. Every member who shall be in the Convention when a question is put, shall give his vote, unless excused for special reasons before a division.

10. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President before being debated, and shall be reduced to writing, if so required by the President.

11. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone to a certain time, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely—which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged.

12. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order: that, and the motion to lay on the table, shall always be decided without debate.

13. When a motion has been decided in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member in the majority to move for a reconsideration thereof on the same day.

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Rev. ——— ———, Rector.

——— ———, } Wardens. ——— ———, Clerk.
——— ———, } ——— ———, Treasurer.

Baptisms—Infants,	– – – – – – – – – –	–
Adults,	– – – – – – – – – –	–
Confirmed,	– – – – – – – – – –	–
Communicants—Number last reported,	– – – – – – – –	–
Added by removal,	– – – – – – – –	–
" new,	– – – – – – – –	–
Lost by removal,	– – – – – – – –	–
" death,	– – – – – – – –	–
Present number,	– – – – – – – –	–
Marriages,	– – – – – – – – – –	–
Burials,	– – – – – – – – – –	–
Sunday School—Teachers,	– – – – – – – –	–
Scholars,	– – – – – – – –	–
Contributions for Parochial purposes,	– – – – – –	– $
" Communion Alms,	– – – – – –	– $
" Missions—Diocesan,	– – – – – –	– $
Domestic,	– – – – – –	– $
Foreign,	– – – – – –	– $
Extra,	– – – – – – – – –	– $

CERTIFICATE OF LAY DELEGATES.

At the Annual Parish Meeting of ——— Church of ———, on the ——— day of ———, [last, or inst.,] A— B—, C— D—, and E— F—, were duly elected Delegates to the Convention of this Diocese, to be held at ———, on ——— next, and G— H—, I— K—, and L— M—, were also chosen as substitutes.

(Signed,) ——— ———, *Parish Clerk.*

[Or *Rector* or *Warden*, as the case may be.]

NOTICE.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of New-Hampshire, will be held in St. Paul's Church, Concord, on the last Wednesday in May, 1866, at 9 o'clock A. M.

HORACE A. BROWN,
Secretary of the Convention.

Concord, June, 1865.

Diocese of New-Hampshire.

SIXTY-SIXTH

ANNUAL CONVENTION.

1866.

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IN THE

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HELD IN

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CONCORD,

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 1866.

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CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

MAY 30, 1866.

Rt. Rev. CARLTON CHASE, D. D., Bishop, residing in Claremont.
Rev. EDWARD BOURNS, LL. D., Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Hanover.
Rev. FRANCIS CHASE, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Charlestown.
Rev. JOHN W. CLARK, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Dover.
Rev. HENRY A. COIT, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's School, Concord.
Rev. JOSEPH H. COIT, Vice Rector of St. Paul's School, Concord.
Rev. THOMAS F. DAVIES, Rector of St. John's Church, Portsmouth.
Rev. JAMES H. EAMES, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Concord.
Rev. FREDERIC S. FISHER, Rector of St. John's Church, Walpole.
Rev. JOHN HARGATE, Deacon, a Teacher in St. Paul's School, Concord.
Rev. HALL HARRISON, Deacon, a Teacher in St. Paul's School, Concord.
Rev. MARCELLUS A. HERRICK, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge.
Rev. WILLIAM A. HITCHCOCK, Chaplain in the Navy of the United States.
Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, D. D., residing in Claremont.
Rev. JOHN M. PECK, Rector of Trinity Church, Claremont.
Rev. NATHANIEL FRENCH PUTNAM, Deacon.
Rev. EDWARD A. RENOUF, Rector of St. James' Church, Keene.
Rev. THOMAS G. SALTER, Chaplain in the Navy of the United States.
Rev. WILLIAM SCHOULER, Jr., Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton.
Rev. HENRY S. SMITH, Rector of Union Church, Claremont.
Rev. DANIEL F. SMITH, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.
Rev. THOMAS G. VALPEY, Teacher in St. Paul's School, Concord, and Minister of St. Philip's Church, Epping.

OFFICERS OF THE DIOCESE.

Standing Committee.—Rev. JAMES H. EAMES, D. D., Concord, President; Rev. THOMAS F. DAVIES, Rev. HENRY A. COIT, D. D.; WM. L. FOSTER, Esq., Concord, Secretary; Hon. CHARLES A. TUFTS, HORACE A. BROWN.

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Delegates to the General Convention.—Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, D. D., Rev. MARCELLUS A. HERRICK, D. D., Rev. HENRY A. COIT, D. D., Rev. JAMES H. EAMES, D. D., Hon. CHARLES A. TUFTS, WILLIAM L. FOSTER, Esq., THOMAS B. KITTRIDGE, M. D., ARNOLD BRIGGS, Esq.

Provisional Deputies.—Rev. THOMAS F. DAVIES, Rev. JOHN M. PECK, Rev. FRANCIS CHASE, Rev. EDWARD A. RENOUF; WM. P. WHEELER, EDWARD A. ABBOT, HORACE C. BACON, JOHN W. MOORE, Esqrs.

Board of Diocesan Missions.—THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, *ex officio*, Chairman, Claremont; Rev. FRANCIS CHASE, Secretary and Treasurer, Charlestown.

Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.—Rev. HENRY A. COIT, D. D., WM. P. WHEELER, Esq.

Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar of the Convention.—HORACE A. BROWN, Concord.

PROCEEDINGS.

St. Paul's Church, Concord,
Wednesday, May 30, 1866.

This being the day fixed by the Constitution for holding the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Hampshire, the Right Reverend Carlton Chase, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, with a number of the Clergy and Laity, assembled at St. Paul's Church, Concord, agreeably to a resolution passed at the sixty-fifth Annual Convention of said Church, held at Keene, May, 1865.

The first service connected with the Convention was held on Tuesday evening, when the Rev. William Schouler, Jr., preached the Annual Missionary Sermon, Evening Prayer being read by the Rev. Messrs. Peck and Renouf.

The Convention was called to order on Wednesday morning, at 9 o'clock, by the Rt. Rev. President, the Bishop of the Diocese.

The Bishop laid upon the Secretary's table a list of the Clergy of the Diocese, canonically members of the Convention, which being called, the following answered to their names, and took seats in the Convention:

Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D.;
Rev. Edward Bourns, LL. D.;
Rev. Francis Chase;
Rev. Henry A. Coit, D. D.;
Rev. Joseph H. Coit;
Rev. Thomas F. Davies;
Rev. James H. Eames, D. D.;
Rev. Frederic S. Fisher;
Rev. John Hargate;
Rev. Marcellus A. Herrick;
Rev. John M. Peck;

Rev. NATHANIEL F. PUTNAM;
Rev. EDWARD A. RENOUF;
Rev. WILLIAM SCHOULER, Jr.;
Rev. HENRY S. SMITH;
Rev. DANIEL F. SMITH;
Rev. THOMAS G. VALPEY.

The certificates of Lay Delegates were presented and referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Mr. DAVIES and CHARLES M. BINGHAM, who subsequently reported the following persons as entitled to seats in the Convention:

St. John's Church, Portsmouth, ...	*Albert R. Hatch,
	*Charles H. Peaslee,
	*Henry F. Wendell.
Trinity Church, Claremont, ...	*Charles M. Bingham,
	*Arnold Briggs,
	*Simeon Ide.
St. Paul's Church, Concord, ...	Franklin Pierce,
	*Augustine C. Pierce,
	*John M. Hill.
St. Thomas' Church, Dover, ...	*Charles A. Tufts,
	C. W. Woodman,
	Gustavus H. Horne.
St. Philip's Church, Epping, ...	*Horace C. Bacon,
	A. D. Hodgdon,
	*Henry H. Hoitt.
Union Church, Claremont, ...	Solon C. Grannis,
	William Ellis.
St. Luke's Church, Charlestown, . . .	Porter Spencer,
	George Curtis,
	L. B. Aldrich.
St. James' Church, Keene, ...	T. B. Kittridge,
	*William P. Wheeler,
	*George W. Sturtevant.
St. John's Church, Walpole, ...	B. P. Spaulding,
	Hiram Wotkyns, M. D.,
	*George Huntington.
St. Stephens' Church, Pittsfield, ...	*C. S. P. Sanderson,
	*Benjamin Emerson,
	R. P. J. Tenney.
Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge, .	*Francis R. Chase,
	Charles C. Rogers.
St. Luke's Church, Nashua, ...	*F. G. Noyes,
	*Joseph P. S. Otterson.
St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton, . . .	Horace Chase,
	*George W. Currier,
	William Restieaux.
St. Matthew's Church, Goffstown, . . .	*Rodney Johnson,
	*Samuel J. Tenney,
	*Thomas Taggart.

The report was accepted, and the roll having been called, delegates present were admitted to seats in the Convention.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to choose a Secretary, and HORACE A. BROWN, of Concord, was unanimously re-elected.

Hon. C. A. Tufts offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That clergymen officiating in this Diocese, not canonically members of this Convention, and clergymen of other Dioceses, and candidates for Orders, who may be present, be admitted to seats in this Convention.

Under this resolution there were present Rev. Charles L. Balch, of the Diocese of Connecticut, officiating in St. Luke's Church, Nashua; Rev. Charles L. Hutchins, of the Diocese of Massachusetts; and Rev. George D. Henderson, Chaplain in the U. S. Navy, of the Diocese of Kansas.

On motion, the Rules of Order for last year were adopted for the government of this Convention.

The President appointed the following Committees:

Finance—Rev. Edward A. Renouf, Hon. Charles A. Tufts, Arnold Briggs, Esq.

Constitution and Canons—Rev. Dr. Eames, Rev. John M. Peck, Horace C. Bacon, Esq.

New Parishes—Rev. Dr. Herrick, Rev. Henry S. Smith, Albert R. Hatch, Esq.

Nominations—Rev. Dr. Coit, Rev. Francis Chase, Hon. Charles H. Peaslee.

The Rev. Francis Chase offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Convention has heard with unfeigned sorrow of the affliction which has recently fallen upon our sister Diocese of Maine, in the loss of its beloved and revered Diocesan, Right Rev. GEORGE BURGESS, D. D., and that this Convention desires to express its sense of the great worth, the learning, piety and devotion of this late eminent divine, and to offer to his bereaved Diocese and family its heartfelt sympathy, and to commend them to the care and comforting grace of a merciful Father in Heaven.

Resolved, That prayers for the Diocese and family in affliction be offered at the opening services of the Convention.

These resolutions were unanimously adopted, the members of the Convention standing.

The Secretary read the

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

To the sixty-sixth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Hampshire:

The Standing Committee of the Diocese, through its Secretary, makes the following report of its transactions during the past year:

At the Annual Convention of the Diocese, held in St. James' Church, Keene, on the 31st day of May, 1865, the following gentlemen were elected the Standing Committee for the then ensuing year: Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard, D. D.; Rev. James H. Eames, D. D.; Rev. Henry A. Coit, D. D.; William L. Foster; Horace A. Brown; Hon. Charles A. Tufts.

The Committee was organized on the same day by the choice of Rev. Dr. Hubbard as President, and William L. Foster, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Committee held in St. Paul's Church, Concord, on the 28th day of June, 1865, upon the requisite evidence to them submitted, the Committee recommended to the Bishop, Charles L. Hutchins, for Deacon's orders.

At a meeting of the Committee in St. Paul's Church, Concord, on the 13th

day of September, 1865, upon the requisite evidence to them submitted, the Committee recommended to the Bishop, Charles L. Hutchins, for Priest's orders.

At a meeting of the Committee, in St. Paul's Church, Concord, on the 21st day of November, 1865, the Committee signified their consent to the consecration of Rev. John Barrett Kerfoot, D. D., as Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

At a meeting of the Committee, in St. Paul's Church, Concord, on the 14th day of May, 1866, upon the requisite evidence to them submitted, the Committee recommended to the Bishop, Nathaniel French Putnam, for Deacon's orders.

WM. L. FOSTER, *Secretary.*

Concord, May 30, 1866.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to elect a Standing Committee for the year ensuing.

The chair appointed Rev. D. F. Smith, and Albert R. Hatch, Esq., tellers, who announced the following as elected: Rev. Thomas F. Davies, Rev. Henry A. Coit, D. D., Rev. James H. Eames, D. D., Hon. Charles A. Tufts, William L. Foster, Esq., and no choice of a third lay member of the Committee. Three other ballotings were had, with a like result; when the Convention voted to postpone further balloting till the afternoon session.

The Treasurer presented reports of the collections and disbursements for the Bishop's Fund and Convention Expenses, which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Voted, To adjourn for divine service, and to meet again at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Morning prayer was read by Rev. Messrs. F. Chase, Balch, and Davies; the Convention sermon was preached by the Rev. Joseph H. Coit, and the Holy Communion administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Drs. Bourns, Coit, and Rev. Henry S. Smith.

3 o'clock P. M.

Met agreeably to adjournment.

The Secretary called the roll of the Convention, when the Bishop read his

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Beloved Brethren,

The Clergy and Laity of this Convention:

Through the mercy and long suffering of our Lord and Saviour, I am brought again to the duty of giving you some account of my labors and of the course of divine grace and providence in the Par-

ishes and Missionary fields of this Diocese. If it be true that it has been with us "a day of small things," we have reason to be thankful that we have not passed from that day into dark night. We still work in the light, and by the mercy and grace of our Lord have some success—yes, my brethren, all difficulties being considered, very encouraging success.

Soon after our last Convention my attention was called to a renewal, in part, of certain generous proposals, made first in 1863, by Mr. William G. Weld, of Boston, for the support of a Summer Mission at Rye Beach. Mr. Weld offered for our use during the months of July and August, a well fitted and furnished Hall, with an understanding that the Missionary should derive his support from weekly collections. I could not but receive this gratefully; and I soon engaged the Rev. John Townsend, of the Diocese of Connecticut, to occupy the post. I may as well dispose of the subject here by giving the substance of his Report, made to me in the month of September. He reports that he held Morning Service on ten Sundays, with good attendance of the temporary sojourners, who gave evidence of appreciating the privilege. He, however, expresses regret that the services were attended by such *only*,—the regular residents showing no interest in them by attendance, and no desire for their continuance beyond the visiting season. The collections amounted to $95.

June 25—Sunday. I visited St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, preached twice, and confirmed eight persons; the Rev. D. F. Smith, Rector, reading Morning and Evening Prayer. It was a day of unusual interest, and will be long remembered by many. Very certain it is, that the labors of our brother have been graciously blessed. The persons confirmed are such as give strength and promise to our cause in that beautiful town. In the forenoon the congregation nearly filled the church—in the afternoon it filled it quite. The full flow of responses was remarkable in a church so recently organized. The Rector, on the first of this month, (June,) received an appointment as Missionary from the General Domestic Committee, with a stipend of two hundred dollars per annum. The Rector's family being absent, he laid me under obligations to the most [illegible] and assiduous hospitality of Doctor and Mrs. Tenney.

June 27. To Mr. John Tyler Wheeler, a candidate for Holy Orders, I gave a license to act as Lay-Reader and Catechist, [illegible] him for counsel to the Rev. Dr. Coit.

I passed four days of this week at St. Paul's [illegible] the annual meeting of the Trustees, and the closing [illegible] of the academic year. It is proper to state here that at the meeting of the corporation an effort was commenced for raising among the friends of religion and learning, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars. The object contemplated in this movement is to place the Institution in a condition for higher and more [illegible]. And here I cannot do less than express my most earnest desire and prayer that the undertaking may be regarded by the churchmen of our

community and our country with free-hearted and full-handed favor. More scholarships are needed, in order that promising young men, destitute of means, may be trained for usefulness in the Church.

July 8. I went to Hanover, where I stopped on the delightful hospitality of Mr. S. W. Cobb.

July 9—*Sunday.* I preached twice in St. Thomas' Church, the Rev. Dr. Bourns reading prayers. While here I administered baptism to a young lady under peculiar circumstances of sickness. The case affected me deeply. She has since died. I am at a loss how to present to the Convention the condition of this church. I saw during my visit a large number of persons, ladies mostly, who were exceedingly anxious that their church should have the benefit of a Pastor's residence and daily presence. I found a feeling there which I could not refuse to justify—which indeed awakened my lively sympathies. The Reverend Missionary, who has been almost the only laborer there from the beginning, has done all that he could under the weight of other duties, and deeply am I grateful for his perseverance in the work. But there needs to be an advance in local and parochial arrangements. Even a feeble church must be progressive, or it will recede. For many years, in consideration of very peculiar circumstances, the Domestic Missionary Committee has appropriated here annually the sum of two hundred dollars. Beside this there is a small sum,—about $70 I think—derived from church lands in the town. I pray the Lord to bring this case to the knowledge of liberal christian hearts.

July 11—*Tuesday.* In St. Paul's Church, Concord, I ordained as Deacon, Mr. Charles Lewis Hutchins, who had just finished his course at the General Theological Seminary. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. H. A. Coit, and the Rev. Messrs. J. H. Coit, Schouler and Hargate. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Eames.

July 18. A certificate from a Warden of St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton, of the election of the Rev. Wm. Schouler, jr., to the Rectorship of that church—to date from July 1, 1865. I expressed my cordial approval.

August 1. I accepted from the Bishop of Massachusetts a Letter Dimissory in favor of the Rev. George Denham, who had been chosen Rector of St. Luke's Church, Nashua, where his labors commenced about the beginning of April.

August 27—*Sunday.* Without any formality of visitation, I gave my services this day to St. Luke's Church, Charlestown, preaching twice. That beautiful little church was nearly filled with people, who evidently took a deep interest in its holy solemnities.

September 10—*Sunday.* I visited St. John's Church, Walpole, preached and, with help of the Rev. F. S. Fisher, administered the Holy Communion. Mr. Fisher has been in charge here since the first of May. His labors are divided between St. John's, and St. Peter's in the village of Drewsville—two thirds at the former and one third at the latter.

In the afternoon I preached in St. Peter's, Mr. Fisher reading Prayers. Although the weather was quite unfavorable, I thought the congregation singularly large. The people here are rising to new earnestness and effort. The day, in both parishes, was to me exceedingly agreeable.

It is with grateful satisfaction I see in both parishes evidence of an increasing consciousness of the preciousness of grace, and of a determination to seek more and more earnestly for the *fulness* of grace and its blessed rewards through a faithful use of the privileges of the Church. May "the spirit of life in Christ Jesus" be granted to these people more and more.

September 17—*Sunday.* I visited Trinity Church, Cornish, and preached, Morning Prayer being read by the Rev. Mr. Douglass, of Windsor, Vt., who very kindly brought over a large portion of his own congregation. This was the largest assemblage I have known in Cornish for many years. There is a strong and commendable desire in the minds of a few families here—for all are but few—to have some arrangements made by which they may enjoy the services of the Church for a portion of the year. There seem to be no facilities for associating with another parish, or other parishes, for the purpose of supporting a clergyman. Mr. Douglass has for several years done all that onerous engagements in another Diocese permitted him to do. I do not see how he can continue the service without injury to health. May our gracions Lord indicate some good way of supply.

In the afternoon of the same day I visited Grace Church, Plainfield, and preached, the Rev. Mr. Douglass reading the service.

There seems to be little change in either of these parishes but such as the flow of time is always making. The inhabitants are thinned by death and emigration. Still, brethren, I hope we shall not forget them, though few.

September 24. In the absence of the Rector, I preached twice in Trinity Church, Claremont.

September 29. After a most uncomfortable journey, I reached the city of New York, on my way to the General Convention at Philadelphia.

October 1—*Sunday.* In the Church of the Holy Communion, New York, with the courteous consent of Bishop Potter, I ordained to the Priesthood, the Rev. Charles Lewis Hutchins, of this Diocese. He was presented by the Rev. Mr. Benjamin, in charge of that church, who, with the Rev. Morgan Dix, D. D., and the Rev. S. B. Bostwick, united with me in the imposition of hands. The Sermon, one of high excellence and power, was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Dix, to whom I feel under great obligations.

October 2. I attended a meeting of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, and, being the oldest Bishop present, presided.

October 3. I reached Philadelphia, where I enjoyed during the

session of the General Convention, the kind and abounding hospitality of Miss S. E. Farnum.

October 4. Commenced the session of the Convention. The Sermon, one of great excellence in all respects, was delivered by the Lord Bishop Fulford, of Montreal. Not intending to give here an account of proceedings, I will simply say, that from beginning to end the Convention was one of unsurpassed interest. Composed of many of the first men of the country, lay and clerical, it will long be remembered and marked as an occasion of great gain to the life and strength of the Church. The final adjournment was on Tuesday, October 24.

November 1. I gave to the Rev. Charles L. Hutchins a Letter Dimissory to the Diocese of Massachusetts.

November 13. From the Bishop of Alabama, I accepted a Letter Dimissory in favor of the Rev. George F. Cushman, D. D.,who is in charge of a Mission at Exeter.

November 23. I visited St. Luke's Church, Nashua, where I stopped on the pleasant hospitality of Mrs. Ziba Gay and her two daughters. The Rev. George Denham accepted the Rectorship of this church early in July, though he had officiated there for several weeks before. I was sorry to find him under some feeling of discouragement on account of a want of full harmony and earnest sympathy among the church's friends. I thought, however, I could discover tokens of a rising and improving future, from which we might take courage. A very great and afflictive evil in this parish, has been the frequent change of ministers. A minister for one year does but little good, if the year ends in a disappointment of the people and a prostration of their rising hopes. We had an evening service, when I preached.

November 26—*Sunday*. I visited Grace Church, Manchester—preached twice and confirmed seven persons. This was a very pleasant visitation. In the morning the congregation was large—in the afternoon the church was literally filled. The parish, according to the best judgment I could form, was never in a higher state of prosperity. The long-continued, patient, and faithful labors of the Rev. Dr. Hubbard, have been eminently blessed. I was sorry to find that his health, though much improved, was not quite re-established.

November 27. I visited St. Philip's, Epping, and preached, after Evening Prayers, read by the Rev. Mr. Valpey, who is now in charge. The congregation consisted of fifty persons. I was rejoiced to see evidence here of a condition of things decidedly improving. True, there were none prepared for Confirmation. But if in my power to make a second visit, I doubt not there will be candidates for that sacred rite. I stopped on the kind hospitality of Mrs. Winslow.

November 28. Mr. George E. Lawrence obligingly carried me over to Exeter, 8 miles, where I stopped with the Rev. Dr. Cushman at the mansion of Mrs. Cobbs, whose husband, Col. Cobbs, was a near relation to the late Bishop Cobbs of Alabama—a fact,

which awoke many pleasant remembrances. Divine service was held in the evening of the next day, in a Hall well fitted and furnished, under direction of the Rev. Mr. Clark, of Dover, who, I trust, will make report of his valuable labors there performed. It was judged there were two hundred persons present, and that nearly as many more went away, not being able to get an entrance. Evening Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Davies, and a most appropriate and affecting Sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Huntington, of Boston,—after which I Confirmed eight persons and addressed them. Never have I seen the solemnities of our Church more attentively and reverently regarded. This is a Missionary field[1] of much promise; and this was my first visit, and first Confirmation. Dr. Cushman had then been in the field about one month.

I was pleased to learn that much good had been done here by Lectures on The Prayer Book, delivered by the Rev. Mr. Clark; also, that a beginning has been made in collecting funds for the building of a Church.

November 30. I went with Mr. Davies to Portsmouth,—not by official appointment, but for the purpose of making a friendly visit and improving health. And very beneficial to me it was, for which I am thankful. I was happy to find still resident at Portsmouth, the Rev. T. B. Bartow, Chaplain of the Naval Station.

December 3—*Sunday*. In the morning of this day I went with Mr. Bartow on board of the Receiving ship Vandalia, Captain Young, where we had an interesting and solemn service. Several gentlemen of distinction, belonging to the Army and Navy, were present, and a number of ladies—also, the entire ship's company. After the Litany, the men were addressed by Mr. Bartow and myself. I have not often seen an assemblage of men appear more reverent.

In the afternoon of the same day I preached an Advent Sermon for the Rev. Mr. Davies in St. John's Church.

December 5. I returned home.

December 20. The Rev. George Denham resigned the charge of St. Luke's Church, Nashua. With the deepest regret that another change must occur here so soon, I gave my consent.

December 23. To the Presiding Bishop I gave my consent to the Consecration of the Rev. John Barrett Kerfoot, D. D., as Bishop of Pittsburgh, in Western Pennsylvania—believing him to be remarkably qualified for that high post, or rather sphere of duty.

December 24—*Sunday*. I Confirmed eight persons, all females, in Trinity Church, Claremont, and delivered an Address on the privileges and duties of Confirmed persons. Without any change in the beautiful and impressive style of the sacred edifice, changes have been made in the interior which give a large addition of Pews. The parish shows abundant evidence of a high state of prosperity.

December 28.—*Holy Innocents' Day*. I assisted in the Consecration of the Rev. George M. Randall, D. D., as Missionary Bishop.

of Colorado, and circumjacent parts. This most impressive of all our Church's solemnities, was held in Trinity Church, Boston.

January 11. I received from Dr. Geo. C. Shattuck, of Boston, a check for one hundred dollars, to be applied at my discretion to the work of the Diocese. I assigned it to the Rev. Mr. Schouler, at Hopkinton. A wonderful benefactor of the Diocese, the founder of St. Paul's School!

January 27. I gave a Letter Dimissory to the Diocese of Massachusetts, in favor of the Rev. George Denham.

February 21. With painful regret I this day gave my consent to the Rev. Dr. Hubbard's resignation of the Rectorship of Grace Church, Manchester. Our hopes of the re-establishment of the health of this well-learned and most useful minister of Christ, have been painfully disappointed. He had not been long in his old and well wrought field, before he found it necessary again to solicit medical counsel. The result was, a decision that health could be regained only by a protracted abstinence from the public labors of the sacred office. To this necessity he has, with deep and painful reluctance, yielded. May our gracious Saviour bless the means used for his restoration.

February 21. I am informed by Mr. J. P. S. Otterson, Warden, that St. Luke's Church, Nashua, has made choice of the Rev. Chas. L. Balch, to be its Rector,—to which choice I have signified my consent.

April 1—*Easter Day.* I took part in the administration of the Holy Communion in Trinity Church, Claremont. In the evening, after a very successful and interesting Choral service in the same Church, I delivered a sermon. This mode of rendering our glorious Liturgy, if well prepared for and well executed by a good choir and a devout congregation, seems to me not only unobjectionable, but very appropriate and edifying on occasion of the great Festivals of the Church. The best effect is, when the Minister posseses taste and skill in music—as is the case, I am happy to add, in Trinity Church.

April 8—*Sunday.* In the same Church, in the absence of the Rector, I read the Ante-Communion Service, and preached twice —a layman, on account of my poor health, reading Morning and Evening Prayer.

April 20. Date of a Letter Dimissory to the Diocese of Illinois, in favor of the Rev. George F. Cushman, D. D., who feels disabled by a physical difficulty for doing the work which he thinks to be needed by our Mission at Exeter.

April 22—*Sunday.* I visited St. James' Church at Keene—preached Morning and Evening, and Confirmed five persons,—prayers being read by the Rev. F. S. Fisher, of Walpole. Also, I baptized an infant daughter of the Rev. Mr. Renouf, Rector of the Church. There remains on this beautiful Church a considerable amount of building debt, to extinguish which I cannot but hope measures will be devised at no distant day. The people are thorough-

ly devoted to the purpose of progress, and by no means regret, nor do I think they have reason to regret the cost of a single stone. Thus far the designs and labors of both Minister and people have been much blessed.

April 24—*Tuesday.* I made a second visit to Exeter. A sermon was delivered by the Rev. Francis Chase, who, on account of my imperfect health, attended me in these visitations,—after which I Confirmed seven persons—making fifteen in six months. I am sorry to record the withdrawal from this very promising mission, of the Rev. Dr. Cushman, though I cannot but admit the force of his reasons. A clergyman of rare attainments, he has labored here faithfully and effectively for six months. It is very desirable that an incumbent should be found for the Mission as soon as possible. A judicious and hard worker needs not doubt of a large ingathering. There was a wisdom and a mental power in Dr. Cushman's labors which will long be remembered there.

April 27. I visited St. John's Church, Portsmouth. Evening Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Henderson, a Chaplain in the Navy of the United States, and a Sermon was delivered by the Rev. Francis Chase—after which I Confirmed nineteen persons. Wonderful are the mercies and gifts of our Divine Redeemer in the movement of this parish forward and upward during the last two years! "What hath God wrought," by his own Spirit and the willing labor of an intense faith! That large and venerable old Church is full, and measures are under consideration for an increase of sittings. We have reason to be thankful that a call, strongly urged from another field, was not favorably listened to by our Rev. Brother, the faithful Rector.

April 29—*Sunday.* I visited St. Thomas' Church, Dover, of which the Rev. John W. Clark is the devoted and laborious Rector, and Confirmed ten persons—a Sermon, after Morning Prayer by the Rector, being delivered by the Rev. F. Chase. It is much to the praise of this parish, that with a small and insufficient edifice for the accommodation of worshippers, it has, with a devout purpose of self-support, relinquished any claims for aid from Missionary and other funds from without. May He, "without whom nothing is strong, nothing holy," soon give liberal hearts and full hands for the long needed work of enlargement, or a new structure. I feel sure that a new building of twice the dimensions of the present, would soon be filled. May the spirit of our gracious Lord direct these earnest people to such course as shall be best for promoting the salvation of men and the strength of his own cause.

In the afternoon of the same day, at the urgent request of the Rev. Mr. Valpey and our friends at Epping, the circumstances being of an extraordinary nature, we drove over to that village, a distance of seventeen miles, where we had evening service, and I Confirmed five persons. A Sermon was delivered by the Rev. F. Chase. I rejoice to recognize here the continued growth of that good spirit, which I found and acknowledged in my November visitation. The

congregation seemed to me quite large. The Rev. Mr. Valpey, after a week of useful labor in St. Paul's School, goes every Saturday evening to pass the Lord's day in serving St. Philip's Church—and truly his services have been much blessed and done much good.

May 1—*Tuesday.* My next Visitation was to St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton, of which the Rev. Mr. Schouler is Rector. Here I preached and Confirmed two persons. The congregation was large for that place, and the whole appearance was that of a people who bear witness to the efficient ministrations of a faithful pastor. There has been a remodeling of the Chancel end of the Church, which I more than approve. A Rere-dos, composed of beautiful and significant emblems and symbols, designed by that eminent Christian Architect, Mr. Henry Dudley, rises between the altar and the wall. The effect is exceedingly appropriate. May I not respectfully express the hope that our friends will carry change a little further, and remove pew doors, and the boards under the forward edge of the seats, which render kneeling inconveniently difficult?

May 2. I visited Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge, of which the Rev. Dr. Herrick is still the useful Rector; preached and Confirmed eleven persons. This parish, having steadily improved, has relinquished its claim for aid on the Treasury of the General Board of Missions, and hopes, with an annually diminishing appropriation from Diocesan funds, to be soon self-supporting. Our cause here is healthily and steadily progressive.

May 4. I returned to Concord and rested for two days on the kind and ever attentive hospitality of the Rev. Dr. Eames.

May 6—*Sunday.* In the morning I preached in St. Paul's Church, and Confirmed five persons. It is an interesting fact, that these five candidates came from five different denominations.

In the service this morning, it was an exceedingly beautiful and affecting feature, that the children of the Sunday School constituted the choir. They had received instruction from an accomplished lady, and they performed their allotted part in the holy solemnities in a manner touching to all hearts. God bless those children, and make them singers of praise in Heaven!

From remarks incidentally heard, I learned that the present sacred edifice is about all taken up, and that either enlargement—not easily to be effected—or the organization of a second parish must soon be resorted to. I cannot but gratefully regard the advance which our Church here has made within a few years. While the good cause throws its light on the understandings of the people, may it secure a lasting interest in all hearts. I had the pleasure of meeting here, in the afternoon of this day, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Randall, Bishop of Colorado, who gave us a deeply interesting discourse with leading reference to the great field which the Church has assigned for the employment of his eminent qualifications.

At five o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, I preached in

the chapel of St. Paul's School, and Confirmed ten persons, who were presented for that rite by the Rev. Dr. Coit, Rector of the School. There were present and bore parts in the services of the evening, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Randall, and a number of clergymen connected with that most useful institution of intellectual and Christian training and culture. This School maintains, with gain, its high grade among educational institutions in our country.

May 7. At a late hour in the night I reached home, after two and a half weeks of deeply interesting, but, in my state of health, severely trying labors, among our Churches in the easterly part of the Diocese.

May 9. I received from Dr. S. B. How, Warden of Grace Church, Manchester, the Rev. Dr. Hubbard's Resignation of the Rectorship of that Church, with copies of proceedings of the Wardens and Vestry thereupon, including acceptance. Failing health is the occasion of a resignation, of which I sorrowfully record my approval. Patiently, faithfully, and successfully has our excellent brother labored in that important field, until, by the blessing of God, he has brought into our Records one of the best parishes and most beautiful Churches in our Diocese. It will appear that his labors constitute a large and interesting portion of the history of the Diocese for the last fourteen years.

May 13—*Sunday.* For the purpose of giving a little relief to the Rev. Mr. Smith, of Union Church, Claremont, without the formality of previous notice, I drove out and preached for him this afternoon.

May 20—*Sunday.* I visited St. Luke's Church, Charlestown, Confirmed one person, and consecrated the elements in the Communion for Whitsunday. The lack of numbers of candidates for Confirmation is not to be taken as evidence that this parish is making no progress in the accomplishment of the great ends of its organization. We have, indeed, few fields where "the spirit of life" is more active. Many hearts are receiving culture under the work of grace.

May 27—*Trinity Sunday.* In Trinity Church, Claremont, I admitted to the Order of Deacons, after the full canonical examination Mr. Nathaniel French Putnam—a candidate who had received the full course of instruction in the General Theological Seminary. There were present and assisted on the occasion, the Rev. Dr. Hubbard, the Rev. William Long, of Western New York, and the Rev. J. M. Peck, Rector of Trinity.

During the year, 117 persons have been Confirmed. I have ordained two Deacons and one Priest. There are three candidates for Holy Orders. Parishes have been organized in Exeter and Goffstown, and preparations are being made to erect a Church in Dunbarton.

The building debt at Pittsfield will soon be fully paid, and the Church offered for Consecration.

Under date of September 10, I stated in this address that the

people of St. Peter's Church, Drewsville, are rising to new earnestness and effort. I can now add that they have in hand the sum of $1000, raised for the purpose of repairing and altering their sacred edifice, which sum is sufficient to make it one of the best in the Diocese.

Also, in Exeter the sum of $1100, as I am informed, is collected and deposited for the purpose of building.

A short time since I was requested to furnish for Goffstown a form for Parochial organization. I furnished it, and have learned within a week that twenty-five names have been readily given. I hope soon to know more about a movement so unexpected and so gratifying to the friends of religion in and through the Church. If I now call it remarkable, I trust nothing will occur to make me regret the expression.

There are several places in the Diocese where much good could be done, if we had the men "apt and meet," and the sufficing means. I mention Haverhill, Lancaster, Conway, Newport, Franklin, and Laconia. We must bear these in mind, in hope of a fitting time for action.

I beg to call attention, brethren, to the importance of association of new or feeble Churches, for the purpose of supporting a Pastor and sharing his labors between them. In other Dioceses this is a very common expedient for supply, and when feelings of sympathy and mutual confidence are entertained, it often leads on to strength and self-support. I cannot but hope that the Clergy generally will entertain the same view of the matter, and give counsel and use their influence as occasion may offer to that end.

We may at no distant day, as new parishes are formed, be obliged to lessen appropriations from missionary and other Diocesan funds to the older, though still feeble, parishes. The Domestic Committee of the General Board allow us this year $700—of which, at my recommendation, they assign $200 to Hanover, the same to Pittsfield, and the same to Exeter. It is to be understood as the rule of that Committee, not to aid a parish beyond five years, except under extraordinary circumstances. On this ground, the parish in Hanover continues to receive aid.

I am happy to state that, on account of the freer contributions of our Churches and people, and some extra dividends in Boston, our Missionary means, this year, are greater than usual. From January to January, I think, we may expect to realize $1200. There are now twelve or fourteen places which will desire portions of this. Still, I think we shall be able to do something in new movements.

I wish to say a few words on the subject of posture in public prayer—as to which I observe much irregularity and inconsistency. My brethren of the Clergy, I am sure, will be glad to have me assist them in encouraging and effecting propriety and uniformity. It should be understood that in public prayer there are only two appropriate postures—*kneeling* and *standing*—*sitting* NEVER, except

in case of advanced age or of bodily infirmity. Generally, the Rubrics are a sufficient directory to careful examiners. In the Confirmation service, for instance, it will be seen that the congregation should *stand* from the beginning to the Lord's Prayer—then *kneel*. In the Marriage service, and in that for the Burial of the Dead, nothing is said about posture. What, then, is proper? I answer, that *standing* is proper, except during the Lesson in the latter, when *sitting* is proper—because both of these services sometimes have to be performed under circumstances which would render *kneeling* unfit and difficult. It always grieves me, when I see the mourners at a funeral, whether in Church or elsewhere, coolly *keeping their seats* during most solemn exercises of devotion. I beg there may be, in all *our* Churches, a more decent observance of propriety, and a clearer *expression* of reverence for God and of respect for his service. It seems hardly necessary to add, that in the Baptismal service the congregation should *stand* till after the act of Baptism, when the Lord's Prayer occurs. Then "all should kneel." And may I not have leave to say, it would greatly rejoice my heart to see all the individuals in all our congregations, if they cannot conscientiously *kneel* during the solemn prayers of Morning and Evening service, at least reverently *stand?* With a sensitive feeling as to all proprieties and tendencies, both of speech and of act, in public worship, I beg that this may be a subject of favorable thought and improved practice.

While writing the last page of this address, I see in the daily papers, with deep and painful sorrow, the announcement of the death at sea of my Right Reverend and beloved brother, the Bishop of Maine—an event, from his known state of health, not altogether unexpected. In him a great man has fallen, that he might rise to a blessed salvation. Ours is the loss. Not in Maine alone, but throughout the American Church, the departure of Bishop Burgess will be felt as one of the heaviest and most trying to faith and to the spirit of submission, of all those afflictions with which the Lord visits His people. May a gracious Providence give to the bereaved sheep of that pasture another shepherd, who will as faithfully work in the service of the Great Shepherd and Bishop of souls.

In concluding this long address, I desire to bear testimony to the wisdom and faithful diligence with which the Clergy of this Diocese have sustained and pressed forward the glorious cause committed to them. Truly they have been "instant in season, out of season." Their unfailing readiness to lighten my labors at every opportunity—their cheerful concurrence, affection and sympathy, as age impairs life's powers, and as my closing day draws near, are to me a consolation and support which I can but feebly express, and for which I daily, on my knees, thank God and pray for blessings on them.

I desire, also, to express my grateful appreciation of the zealous and unfailing efforts of great numbers of both sexes in our parishes, who hold up the hands and work out the useful designs of the Clergy.

It would take me many days to record the names of such as are now known to me. God bless them in their labor of love and give them place in glory among the faithful shepherds.

I trust my brethren, both clerical and lay, agree with me in a high estimation of the duty of thankfulness for the way in which the Lord has thus far led us. Though we cannot number Churches by hundreds, nor members by tens of thousands, we can and should say, "Blessed be the Lord, who helpeth us and poureth his benefits upon us." CARLTON CHASE.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Bishop's Annual Address be read before every congregation in the Diocese, by the minister, as soon as possible after it be received.

The Convention resumed the unfinished business of the morning, being the election of a lay member of the Standing Committee. Horace A. Brown was chosen.

The Committee on Nominations, by Rev. Dr. Coit, reported

For Preacher of the Missionary Sermon—The Rev. Hall Harrison; substitute, the Rev. Daniel F. Smith.

Preacher of the Convention Sermon—The Rev. Dr. Hubbard; substitute, the Rev. Dr. Eames.

Also, that the next Convention of this Diocese be held in St. John's Church, Portsmouth.

The report was adopted.

On motion, proceeded to elect a Treasurer of the Convention and of the Bishop's Fund; and Horace A. Brown was re-elected.

The Committee on New Parishes, by the Rev. Dr. Herrick, reported that they had examined the papers relating to the organization of St. Matthew's Church, Goffstown, and find them correct; and recommend that said parish be admitted into union with this Convention. Adopted.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to print 600 copies of the Journal of this Convention. Also, that he write to every parish, not making Warden's Report agreeably to Sec. 3 of Canon 3, requesting them to make such report, or give their reasons for not doing so.

Rev. Dr. Coit offered the following:

Resolved, That this Convention desire to express their deep and affectionate sympathy with their Rev. friend and brother, the Rev. Dr. Hubbard, late Rector of Grace Church, Manchester, in the afflictive dispensation which has withdrawn him from the active duties of his parish, and deprived us of his valued presence and counsel at this meeting of our annual Convention.

Resolved, That this Convention do most cordially recognize the long continued and faithful services of their Rev. brother during the past years, and most earnestly pray that this suspension of his labors may be but a temporary one, and that, by God's blessing, he may soon take his former place among us.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously; and the mover was

requested to transmit a copy of the same, together with the action of this Convention thereon, to the Rev. Dr. Hubbard.

The Finance Committee, by the Rev. Mr. Renouf, presented the following

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Committee on Finance report that they have examined the Treasurer's vouchers and find them correct. They would recommend to the Lay Delegates to pay the assessments before leaving for home, according to a former custom in this Diocese, thereby relieving the Treasurer from much labor and expense. The assessments for the Bishop's Fund have been slightly increased to meet a deficiency of last year. Those for the expenses of the Convention have been raised to meet a deficiency arising for a debt for printing the Journal, and to provide, in a small measure, by anticipation, for the assessment of this Diocese for its share in the expenses of the next General Convention.

The Committee report for the ensuing year the following assessments:

	Expenses.	Bishop's Salary.
St. John's Church, Portsmouth, (including tythes)	$21.00	$180.00
Union Church, Claremont, (including tythes)	10.00	100.00
Trinity Church, Claremont,	9.00	80.00
St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	6.00	40.00
St. Paul's Church, Concord,	9.00	65.00
Trinity Church, Cornish,	2.00	15.00
St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	2.00	5.00
St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	1.00	5.00
Grace Church, Manchester,	6.00	40.00
St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	2.00	10.00
St. Luke's Church, Nashua,	4.00	15.00
St. James' Church, Keene,	5.00	15.00
Grace Church, Laconia,	1.00	5.00
Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge,	4.00	15.00
St. Philip's Church, Epping,	2.00	5.00
St. Stephens' Church, Pittsfield,	2.00	5.00
St. John's Church, Walpole,	2.00	5.00
St. Luke's Church, Charlestown,	2.00	10.00
From a Gentleman,		100.00
Treasurer of Donations,		200.00
	$90.00	$915.00

E. A. RENOUF, *for the Committee.*

On motion, the business of the Convention was suspended that the members might attend the meeting of the Board of Missions.

[In Board of Missions, the Treasurer made a report of its operations for the conventional year, for which see Appendix. The Bishop is *ex-officio* President, and Rev. Francis Chase was re-elected Secretary and Treasurer.]

The Rev. Dr. Eames read the following

MISSIONARY REPORT.

In accordance with a vote passed at the last Diocesan Convention, I entered upon a missionary exploration of certain parts of the Diocese. The first places, Holderness and Plymouth, visited, was done at the request of the Bishop, in order that it might be ascertained whether the two places combined, would not be able to sustain the services of a clergyman. In conversing with different persons at Plymouth, I found that they were desirious of having the services, and

were willing to connect themselves with Holderness for that purpose; but at that time there was no place to hold the services. At Holderness I also found them willing to try the above plan. From what I saw and heard in those two places, I have not the slightest doubt but that a minister might be well sustained between them, and a noble work might be done for the Church. I held services in the morning at Holderness, and in the afternoon drove to Laconia, a distance of 16 miles, and held full evening service and preached. The service was held in the Congregational Meeting-house, by invitation of Rev. Dr. Young. More than two hundred persons were present; and, although all were not personally interested in the Church services, yet the hearty response made from different parts of that congregation, evidenced that the seed sown there a few years ago had produced its fruit, and was only waiting for the regular ministrations of the Church to yield an hundred fold. It may be recollected that a few years ago a Parish was organized in this place, but being unable to procure the services of a minister, the interest seemed to decrease; but I think it was only a seeming want of interest, for no sooner were the services again placed before them, than it became evident that the desire to have them established was even increased.

One gentleman pledged himself, at the time I was there, and has since renewed the pledge, to raise the money to build a Church if a minister could be promised them. Here is one of the most important positions in the whole Diocese for the establishment of the Church. A busy, manufacturing district, increasing fast in population and in wealth, but not increasing one whit in religious privileges, calling loudly for the conservative influence of the Church ritual and teaching, and yet suffered to cry in vain. It has sometimes seemed to me wicked to take up new and inferior positions while this is left to abandonment and neglect.

The next week after visiting these places, I made arrangements to hold services at Andover. The arrangement was made through John Proctor, Esq. Accompanied by a volunteer choir from my Parish, together with three or four others to lead in the responses, I found the above named gentleman at the Depot waiting to receive us, and taking us to his house he entertained us right hospitably. On Sunday morning we assembled in one of the neatest Halls to be found in any country town in the State, and owned by our host. Here, at the appointed hour, were assembled a congregation of more than two hundred people. Before entering upon the services, having distributed among the people an hundred Prayer Books, I explained the services in which we were about to be engaged; pointing out the parts to be used by the people, and enforcing upon them the benefit which they would derive from bearing their share in them. The response was general, and I do not believe that there was a person who had a Prayer Book who was not audible in the responses. It was a *live* service, and would have put to the blush many an old organized Church Parish; and when it came to the sermon, why the attention given the subject was such as might have inspired a stock or a stone with exceeding interest. I could not help feeling that, were I a young man, just entered upon the ministry, I would give more for the fervor and energy which such a congregation would inspire, than for a life time of hum-drum formality connected with any old city Parish; and infinitely more would I give for the glorious blessing which might accrue from such labors; and yet our young ministers wait and pray and beg for any place rather than such a place. In the afternoon, a still larger congregation was present, and fully as interesting a service. Under the shadow of the beautiful Kearsarge, thousands of intelligent people dwell, and yet not one tenth part of their number are at all regular attendants upon any religious worship. The Church is wanted there, and it can be well sustained there.

The next week I made my preparations to hold services at Haverhill. This is one of the most beautiful towns in the State, and the people among the most intelligent. Saturday evening I met about thirty persons, and interested them in the services for Morning and Evening Prayer. Only three of this number were at all acquainted with the services. Among them I found five good singers, to whom I gave what information I could in chanting. Sunday morning services were held in the Town Hall. A congregation of over two hundred was present. The responses were general and excellent. The music throughout, even to the

Te Deum, was admirable. In the afternoon, there were about two hundred and fifty present, and such was their interest in the services that at the close I was besought to hold a third service. This I did at five o'clock, when as large a number were present as at any part of the day. In the evening, about fifteen of the most influential men of the town waited upon me to express their interest in the services, and to pledge themselves to the maintenance of the services if a minister could be sent them.

Another Sunday I spent at Littleton and at Bethlehem, holding services at the former place in the morning, and in the latter in the evening. At Littleton, I am confident that the services of the Church might and should be established. It is an important point in the Diocese. From it an influence might be extended which would leave its impress upon the whole mountain region. The Church is needed there: for without speaking disparagingly of the place, it lacks most decidedly a right religious influence, such an influence as alone the Church can have and hold over such a mass of irreligious and unbelieving men.

Another Sunday I spent at Wakefield, upon the eastern border of the Diocese. Only one Church family did I find in the neighborhood. From that family I received the kindest welcome, and every thing was done to further the object of my mission. I held two services in a Congregational meeting-house, now only used as preachers of different sorts may happen to be present. The entire neighborhood is without stated religious worship. The services of the Church were well received, and might be well sustained if a faithful, earnest man could be found to occupy the field.

Another Sunday I spent at Conway Centre. I officiated in a meeting-house occupied most of the time by three or four diverse denominations, and the effect of such religious teachings upon a people you can well imagine. The services were well received and entered into with interest. The people seemed to see and to feel that the Church was what was needed, and that nothing else could meet the great evil caused by heresy and schism. The establishment of the Church at North Conway, where it might be in part sustained by Summer visitors, is an almost imperative demand. And as it is there, so is it also in all parts of this great Diocese. It is one vast field ready to be sown with the seed of Church principles, and wherever the seed may be scattered a plentiful harvest may be reaped for the glory of God.

Before closing this report, I would gratefully acknowledge the kind assistance of the Rev. Dr. Coit, in supplying my services whilst absent from my Parish and engaged in the Missionary work assigned me by the Convention.

The Convention was again called to order, when the Rev. Mr. Davies offered the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the congregation of St. Paul's Church, Concord, for their liberal hospitality to both the clerical and lay delegates to this Convention. Adopted.

There being no further business, after prayers by the Rev. Mr. Davies, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

Attest: HORACE A. BROWN, *Secretary*.

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, NASHUA.

REV. CHARLES L. JALCH, RECTOR ELECT.

CHARLES CUNNINGHAM, } Wardens. E. G. TYLER, Clerk.
JAMES P. S. OTTERSON, } H. H. REED, Treasurer.

I took charge of this Parish February 14th, and this report only covers the time which has since elapsed. Baptisms: infants, 4; adults, 6; total 10. Communicants, 66. Added, 1. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 4. Families, 86, of which 31 have joined us since February 14th. Sunday School: 70 members; 7 teachers. Contributions, in past three months: Bishop's salary, $17; Communion alms, $14, at two communions; Sunday School collections, $10; Domestic Missions, about $6; proceeds of Easter Fair, $250.

I have delivered a course of ten lectures on the Church, which has been fully attended; at times so fully that persons had to go away without finding seats. The chanting of the Psalter by the minister and congregation antiphonally, has been at occasional services. There are nearly three times more pews rented than ever before, and the parish is in a highly flourishing condition. We hope to dispense with assistance from the Missionary Society after this year. An organ has been erected to the right of the chancel.

Rev. GEORGE DENHAM, Rector from July 1st to January 1st, reports—Baptisms: infants, 7; adults, 1; total, 8. Deaths, 1. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 8. Sunday School contributions, $2.52; Communion alms, $5; extra, for payment of debts, about $275; offertory for payment of Rector's salary, about $250.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, HANOVER.

REV. EDWARD BOURNS, LL. D., MISSIONARY.

This Church is not materially changed in its condition during the past year. The services have been, as heretofore, regularly maintained in connection with Norwich, Vt., and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper duly administered. The congregations have been as large and attentive as ever; not diminished, but perhaps rathar increased than otherwise. The Sunday School has been very well sustained by a band of faithful and devoted teachers. The Choir continue to be prompt and efficient. We always suffer the loss of some members as they graduate in College. We deplore this for our own sakes; but we are cheered by knowing that many who leave us without any professed attachment to the Church, become active and valuable members of other congregations. One infant has been baptised, and three adults. Two of the three are ladies resident in the village, who have long attended our services. The third is a young gentleman—a student. The fact that these three came forward and publicly united themselves with the Church, gives me great satisfaction, as they are all valuable members in themselves, and I trust their example will be wholesome. Our senior Warden, after more than two years absence, has returned to us, much to our gratification.

During the winter the ladies of the parish held a Fair, the proceeds (over $150) to be devoted to parish purposes.

About $9 have been contributed to Domestic Missions.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CHARLESTOWN.

REV. FRANCIS CHASE, RECTOR.

PORTER SPENCER, GEORGE OLCOTT, } Wardens. GEORGE OLCOTT, Clerk and Treasurer.

Baptisms: children, 5; adults, 1; total, 6. Confirmed, 1. Communicants: number last reported, 30; added by removal, 5; added anew, 1; lost by removal, 2; present number 34. Marriages, 1. Burials, 4. Sunday School: teachers, 6; scholars, 40. Offerings for Parochial purposes, $26.80; for Communion alms, $67.12; Missions: Diocesan, $30.14; Domestic, $30.00; Foreign, $10.10; extra, $30.10; total amount of offerings, $194.12.

The blessing of Divine Providence has continued to rest upon this parish. It is slowly but steadily increasing. All the available sittings in Church have been taken up, and an enlargement of the building is greatly to be desired, that as many as possible may avail themselves of the means of salvation, and that the spiritual body of Christ may be strengthened and firmly established. We trust this will be done at no distant day.

WARDENS' REPORT.

Value of property belonging to the Parish, $3000. Salary paid to the Rector, $700. Indebtedness, none. Of the Rector's salary, $470 is derived from the rental of pews, $80 from the propagation right in the town, and the remaining $150 from the Ladies' Sewing Society.

PORTER SPENCER, GEORGE OLCOTT, } Wardens.

Charlestown, N. H., May 29, 1866.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, DOVER.

REV. JOHN W. CLARK, RECTOR.

WILLIAM HALE, JAS. A. RICHARDSON, } Wardens. JOHN J. DUXBURY, Clerk. WM. HALE, Treasurer.

Baptisms: adults, 6; infants, 11. Confirmed, 10. Communicants, 112. Holy communion administered in public 16 times. Marriages, 3. Burials, 5. Sunday School teachers, —; scholars, 100; library of Sunday School, 513 vols. Public Services: on Sundays, 108; on other days, 56; total, 164. Contributions: Bishop's salary, $40.00; Convention expenses, $4.00; Bishop Whipple's Indian Mission, $50.00; from ladies, for Surplice and Stole for Exeter, $15.00; Sunday School Festivals, $83.00; Domestic Missions, $20.54; Foreign Missions, $24.00; Freedmen, from A. and H. Ladies' Society, $10.00; Parish expenses, (of which $332 from Ladies' Society,) 543.67; Communion alms, $147.25; total, $937.46.

In addition to the performance of his duties in St. Thomas' Parish, the Rector officiated on four Sundays and three Sunday evenings at Exeter; and delivered fourteen lectures on week day evenings on the Book of Common Prayer. It was also his privilege, on the second Sunday of August, to administer the Holy Communion to eleven communicants, that being the first occasion of its celebration in that village, according to the usages of the Church. The administration of this Holy Sacrament was continued on the second Sunday of each month until a Parish was regularly organized, and the Rev. Dr. G. F. Cushman took charge of it. The Parish of St. Thomas is much straitened for lack of sittings, to accommodate applicants desiring to become regular attendants upon the services, and its future growth must be greatly impeded, until this demand is met by the erection of an edifice more commodious and durable than the present insufficient frame building.

WARDEN'S REPORT.

Value of property belonging to the Parish, $5.950. Rector's salary, $1000, raised by subscription. Indebtedness, none. The temporal condition of the Parish is encouraging.

WM. HALE, J. A. RICHARDSON, } Wardens.

Dover, N. H., May 20, 1866.

CHAPEL OF ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL, CONCORD.

REV. HENRY A. COIT, D. D., RECTOR.

Baptisms: infants, 13; adults, 7; total, 20. Confirmed, 11. Communicants: number last reported, 31; added by removal, 4; added anew, 12; lost by removal, 2; present number, 45. Marriages, 2. Burials, 3, one of which is reported from Concord. Sunday School: Superintendent, the Rev. Mr. Harrison, aided by the Rev. Mr. Hargate and Messrs. Wheeler and Whipple; Scholars, 36. Contributions: Diocesan Missions, $25.00; Domestic Missions, $125.00; St. Andrews', Hopkinton, $100; St. Stephens', Pittsfield, $325.00; Mission at Exeter, $50.00; Mission at Dunbarton, $100.00; St. Philips', Epping, (for S. S.) $5.00; to Bishop Whipple for Minnesota, $200.00; to Bishop Haley for Honolulu, $150; to Bishop Randall for Colorado, $50.00; to Rev. Mr. Ance for Africa, $50; to Dr. Wells for St. Stephens' Mission, $75.00; Society for the increase of the Ministry, $50.00; Bureau of Relief, Southern Clergy, $50.00; Freedmen's Aid Commission, $25.00; Orphans' Home, $155.67; Seamen's Home, $20.00; Dorcas Society, Philadelphia, 20.00; total, $1625.67.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH.

REV. THOS. FREDERICK DAVIES, RECTOR.

ALBERT R. HATCH, CHRISTOPHER C. JACKSON, } Wardens. JOSHUA W. PEIRCE, Treasurer, JOHN W. FERNALD, Clerk.

Baptisms: infants, 22; adults, 8; total, 30. Confirmed, 19. Communicants: number last reported, 208; added by removal, 13; added anew, 33; lost by removal, 14; lost by death, 6; present number, 229. Marriages, 10. Burials, 23. Sunday School: teachers, 27; scholars, 200. Sewing School: scholars, 35. Contributions: for Sunday School, $177.33; Communion alms, and other offerings for poor, $369.22; Diocesan Missions, $100.00; Church in Exeter, $150.32; Trinity Church, Cornish, $25; St. Stephen's, Pittsfield, $50; Domestic Missions, $40; Bishop Whipple, $75; Rev. Dr. Breck, $35; Church in Winchester, Va., $25; Church in Plattsville, Wis., $25; Mission at Nashotah, Wis., $25; Gambier Mission House, O., $37; Southern clergy, $50; Church Freedmen's Society, $23; N. Y. Bible and Prayer Book Society, $5; Society for increase of Ministry, $46.50; Sons of Clergy Fund, $25; to aid other churches, $18; Foreign Missions, $81; American Church in Paris, $10; collection for Bishop's salary, $37.50; total, $1429.87. Of this amount, the sum of $311.25 was given by the Ladies' Missionary Society of St. John's Church.

WARDENS' REPORT.

The Warden's of St. John's Church respectfully report that the value and condition of the property of the Church remains substantially the same as last year. The salary paid to the Rector for the year ending Easter, 1866, was raised by taxation. The debt of the Church is about the same as last year; the means for liquidating it are taxation and the subscriptions of the parishioners.

ALBERT R. HATCH, C. C. JACKSON, } Wardens.

Portsmouth, May, 30, 1866.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CONCORD.

REV. J. H. EAMES, D. D., RECTOR.

HORACE A. BROWN, FRANKLIN LOW, } Wardens. E. L. KNOWLTON, Clerk. E. A. ABBOT, Treasurer.

Baptisms: adults, 6; infants, 14; total, 20. Confirmations, 5. Marriages, 10. Burials, 14. Communicants, 175. Sunday School, 125. Contributions: increase of ministry, $60; for Exeter, $10; Freedmen's Aid Society, $20; Missions in Diocese, $34; Foreign and Domestic Missions, $50; Sunday School, poor and other Parish objects, $126.65. Besides this, the children have raised $125, which they have devoted to Missions and other charitable objects. The

amount given for religious and charitable purposes, as will be seen by the above statement, is smaller than has heretofore been given. The reason may be found in the fact that during the past year an effort has been made to relieve the Parish of its debt. We hope to present a better statement another year. The Parish is in the most prosperous condition. All the sittings in the church are occupied, and more are wanted.

WARDENS' REPORT.

Church building and appurtenances valued at $20,000; in good condition. Rector's salary, $1250; other annual expenses, about $700. These sums are raised by voluntary subscriptions and monthly collections from the congregation. During the year there has been expended upon the Church building, about $1000. This outlay has been met, in part, by an assessment upon the pew-holders, and partly by subscription. The Parish debt, reported last year at $3120.34, has been nearly extinguished by the sale of pews, and we confidently expect another year to report the Parish free from debt.

H. A. Brown, F. Low, } Wardens.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH. WALPOLE.

REV. FREDERICK S. FISHER, RECTOR.

B. P. Spaulding, Geo. Huntington, } Wardens. — A. R. Johnnot, Clerk. Dr. Hiram Wotkyns, Treasurer.

Baptisms: infants, 3; adults, 2; total, 5. Communicants: number last reported, 15; added by removal, 8; lost by removal, 1: present number, 22. Burials, 1. Contributions: Domestic Missions, $2.13; Diocesan Missions, $4.05; Bishop's salary, $5; Convention assessment, $1; Parochial purposes, $21.56; total, $33.74.

The prospect and progress of Church work in this Parish are bright and encouraging. While the zeal and earnestness of the first supporters and worshippers abating not, increases. We yet worship "in our own hired house," but look forward to the day when we shall have a church worthy of the prospects of the Parish and its lovely town. Credit should be given to the Ladies' Sewing Society for their good work in providing vessels for the altar and vestments for the service. Nor should the Choir fail to be remembered for their labors and beautiful rendering of the chants and songs of the Church. Services having been suspended at Drewsville, are now held every Sunday in this village.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, (DREWSVILLE,) WALPOLE.

Hope Lathrope, A. F. Maynard, } Wardens. — Francis G. Drew, Clerk. Nehemiah Royce, Treasurer.

Baptisms: infants, 2; adults, 1; total, 3. Communicants: present number, 18. Burials, 3. Contributions: Diocesan Missions, $2.40; Parochial purposes, $8.64; total, $11.04.

The sum of $1000 having been raised for repairs, services have been suspended in this Parish for the Summer. It is proposed to put this old and interesting church in complete repair. That with the House of the Lord made beautiful and pleasant to the eye, the good work of adding living stones to the Temple of God may be prosecuted with new zeal and earnestness. In which work of repairing the ladies give their help in agreeing to cushion the pews.

F. S. Fisher, Presbyter.

TRINITY CHURCH, SANBORNTON BRIDGE.

REV. M. A. HERRICK, D. D., RECTOR.

Asa P. Cate, James Earnshaw, } Wardens. — Charles C. Rogers, Clerk. J. F. Taylor, Treasurer.

Baptisms: infants, 4; adults, 18. Confirmed, 11. Communicants: number

last reported, 48; added anew, 8; lost by removal, 2; by death, 1; present number, 53. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Sunday School: teachers, 4; scholars, 30. Contributions: Domestic Missions, $15; Diocesan Missions, $6.75; Bishop's salary, $16.

WARDEN'S REPORT.

The value of our Church lot and building thereon, the organ and bell, we estimate at $8000. We have an insurance on the same of $4000. The property is in good condition. We have no indebtedness. Rector's salery, $800. Our other expenses are, say $150. The pews are owned mostly by individuals.

ASA P. CATE, JAMES EARNSHAW, } Wardens.

TRINITY CHURCH, CLAREMONT.

REV. JOHN MILTON PECK, RECTOR.

CHARLES M. BINGHAM, ARNOLD BRIGGS, } Wardens. ARNOLD BRIGGS, Clerk. HENRY PATTEN, Treasurer.

Baptisms: children, 11, of which 4 were by the Bishop of the Diocese, at the special request of the parents; adults, 7; total 18. Confirmations, 8. Communicants: added, 11; died or removed, 15; present number, 150. Marriages: by the Bishop of the Diocese, 2; by the Rector, 2; total, 4. Burials, 11. Ninety of the children of the Parish are catechised "openly in the Church," and 11 communicants regularly assist in their instruction. Volumes in the Children's and Parish Libraries together, 340.

The Offerings received in the Church amount to $662.99, of which amount $300 were the earnings of the Ladies' Parish Aid Society, and $36.43 the Children's offering. Of this amount there have been appropriated, for improvements in the Parish Church, $256.47; for the purposes of the Choir and increase of the Libraries, $35.53; for improvements at the Parsonage and various "pious and charitable uses" within the Parish, $138.86; Diocesan Missions, $56; General Board of Domestic Missions, $43.30; Freedmen's Commission, $43; a blind and disabled clergyman, $3; Nashotah, $26.75; Society for the Increase of the Ministry, $21.50; General Board of Foreign Missions, $20.62.

The services of the Lenten and Rogation seasons were attended with apparently increased interest, as are also the regular services of the Lord's Day. During the past year the Church has been much improved in its internal arrangements, and enlarged by the addition of about 80 sittings, which addition, by the fact of its being all occupied at Easter, was a wise measure.

It is with pleasure that the Rector acknowledges, among many advantages arising from the nearness of approach to the Bishop of the Diocese, the most grateful assistance in Divine service rendered by him during occasions of the Rector's temporary sickness, and at other times.

Great credit is due to the volunteer Choir of some fifteen or more members of the congregation, who have so faithfully fulfilled the plans and wishes of the Rector, and also have done so much for the past six months to render the public services more attractive as well as becoming to the house of Prayer. Congregational singing is what we are striving for, as far as the tastes of the congregation will allow.

The Ladies' Parish Aid Society proves itself a most valuable institution, both by its pecuniary results and the special assistance of its members in the various details of the Rector's parochial work.

A class of 13 or more are in preparation for Confirmation, while other indications of interest encourage and gratify those who pray and look for the building up of God's spiritual Temple in our midst. A most kind and indulgent people, with their increased interest in the public services and attention to the welfare of the Parish, stimulate the Rector to renewed and thankful labor. "Let Thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us, like as we do put our trust in Thee."

WARDEN'S REPORT.

The Parish property consists of the church edifice, valued at $10,000,—impor-

tant enlargements and alterations having been made during the year; organ and church furniture, valued at $2000; rectory, purchased during the year, valued $1800. Total property owned by the Parish, $13,800. Insurance on Church and organ, $3500; do. on rectory, $1000. Indebtedness of Parish, $700 on church, and $1000 on the rectory; total, $1700. The Rector's salary is $1000; other expenses, $250. Amount received for rent of pews, $1246,01.

C. M. Bingham, } Wardens.
Arnold Briggs, }

Trinity Church, Claremont, May 28, 1866.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KEENE.

REV. EDWARD A. RENOUF, RECTOR.

T. B. Kittredge, } Wardens.
W. P. Wheeler, }

D. H. Woodward, Clerk.
T. B. Kittredge, Treasurer.

Baptisms: children, 22; adults, 4. Confirmed, 5. Communicants: number last reported, 45; added by removal, 4; anew, 11; lost by removal, 6; by death, 0; present number, 54. Marriages, 6. Burials, 8. The Sunday School has 10 teachers and 64 scholars. Its contributions during the year amount to $13.22; its expenditures for Sunday School requisites, $3.74, which, including a balance from last year of $3.47, leaves as a balance for next year, $12.95. The Communion Alms, not devoted to the purposes about to be named, were for parochial purposes, amounting, under this head, to $74.01. For Missions: Diocesan, $24.20; Domestic, $14.44; Foreign, $9.53. Bishop's Fund and Convention expenses, $17. Among the extra contributions may be reckoned for the Christmas Festival, $23.63; for rebuilding the Church at Jacksonville, Fla., $18; for P. E. Freedmen's Aid Society, $10; for a Thank Offering at the churching service, $50; for addition to Chancel furniture, $340.98. Total. $594.98.

Among the gifts which should have been included in the last parochial report, were a set of elegant book-marks, presented by W. P. Wentworth, of Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls, and a set of Communion linen, presented by Mrs. T. B. Kittredge, and valued at $14. A beautiful Prayer Desk has been presented by Mrs. W. P. Wheeler, costing $40, who gave $10 additional to the fund for the Chancel furniture. By the diligent labors of the Ladies' Sewing Circle, the Chancel has been further enriched by a Bishop's Chair, costing $150, and paid for, and by six sedilia, costing $350. Of this last, all, as by the contract, yet due, has been paid, amounting to $100, and the remainder will be at maturity. Express charges, $9.85, and the cost of coverings for the furniture, $27.10, have also been paid by the Circle. Their Strawberry Festival, last summer, produced as net gain, $93.

The Thank Offering, above alluded to, presented by the wife of the Rector, has been funded in a 7-30 U. S. Bond, and established as the foundation of a charity, which will, it is hoped, be enlarged by other thank offerings and the donations of the charitable. The object of this fund is primarily the aid of poor women in child-birth, communicants of the Protestant Episcopal Church, belonging to this Parish. Should the income permit, at a future day, any enlargement of its operations, aid would be extended to other poor women afflicted with sickness, communicants; and with means still further enlarged, to deserving poor women of the Parish, who may not be communicants. The distribution of the income of this fund is wholly in the hands of the Rector, who is obliged annually to report what use he has made of the moneys accruing from it, to the Wardens. These manage the fund, and are obliged to report its condition annually to the Convention. The fund must be invested in a well established Savings Bank, State Stocks, or U. S. Stocks. Should this fund be misused, or should no report of its condition be made for two years, provision is made for an inquiry, by the Diocesan Convention, into the conduct of the Rector and Wardens concerning it. Such changes as time and altered circumstances may warrant, can be made by the Rector and Wardens, if sanctioned by the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Diocese in which Keene may be situated. An instrument, accepting the trust, has been signed by the Rector and Wardens. During the next year,

this fund will be enabled to commence its unobtrusive work of charity, though on a very humble and limited scale.

The Sunday School was publicly catechised on the 24th Sunday after Trinity, at evening service, and on Easter Sunday, at evening service. On Christmas Day, at evening service, a festival, with appropriate religious services and an address from the Rector, was held in the Church, and books, picture cards and small packages of sweetmeats were distributed to the children. The interest of the occasion was heightened by the presence of the children of the Town Farm, who participated in the pleasures of the occasion. These, during the year, have twice been publicly catechised. The Bishop visited us on the third Sunday after Easter, preached twice, confirmed five persons, and baptised the child of the Rector.

WARDEN'S REPORT.

The property of the Parish consists of the Church edifice and land, the organ, furniture and appurtenances, valued at $19,000. This is a little less than the cost of the same. Two thirds of this amount have been paid; and the balance is a debt upon the Parish. The title to the whole property, including all the pews, stands in the Parish, without incumbrance, except as above. Insurance upon the same, $5000. The current expenses are paid mostly from rent of the pews. Amount of pew rent the past year, $469.20. Sundry offerings devoted to parish purposes, $68.03. Salary of the Rector, $200. Other parish expenses, exclusive of interest, about $534. From the liberality of the Rector in his contributions, and in the terms on which he has remained with us, we have been encouraged to make an expenditure for a church edifice which would not have been deemed prudent under other circumstances.

THOS. B. KITTREDGE, WM. P. WHEELER, } Wardens.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, HOPKINTON.

REV. WM. SCHOULER, JR., RECTOR.

GEORGE W. BRUCE, Warden.

GEORGE G. PHELPS, Clerk.
GEORGE W. CURRIER, Treasurer.

Baptisms: infants, 1; adults, 1. Confirmed, 2. Communicants: number last reported, 40; added anew, 2; lost by removal, 2; present number, 39. Burials, 1. Sunday school: teachers, 5; scholars, 32. Contributions for parochial purposes, $51.21; Communion alms, $30.46; for Diocesan Missions, $7.30; Domestic Missions, $9.08; Foreign Missions, $6.25.

Two services have been held by the Rector of the Parish, at Contoocookville, both of which were quite well attended. During the past Convention year the interior of our church edifice has been much improved by an entirely new arrangement of the chancel. The attendance has been regular, and especially encouraging at the Sunday evening services. The Sunday School is in a flourishing condition. Though its numbers are small; the interest of the scholars seems to be untiring, and I trust that the labor bestowed in this direction will be productive of much good hereafter.

UNION CHURCH, WEST CLAREMONT.

REV. HENRY S. SMITH, RECTOR.

SOLON C. GRANNIS, ALONZO THOMAS, FREDERICK JONES, } Wardens.

HENRY A. REDFIELD, Clerk.
LABAN AINSWORTH, Treasurer.

Baptisms: adults, 1; children, 6; total, 7. Communicants: last reported, 40; removed, 5; added, 5; present number, 40, 7 of whom, by reason of age and infirmity, being unable to attend church, have had the Holy Communion administered to them at their houses. Marriages, 1. Burials, 8—7 not of this Parish. Sunday School: teachers, 4; scholars, 20. Contributions: alms, $6.57; Diocesan Missions, $6.33; Domestic Missions, $5. Extra: donation to Rector,

$50. A subscription has been raised for the purchase of a new organ, valued at $500, which is to be placed in the Church this last week in May.

WARDEN'S REPORT.

Property: Church and lot. The income of the Parish of Union Church, from all sources, is about $900, which is used for the payment of the Bishop's and Rector's salaries, and the ordinary expenses of the Parish. Our debt is about $2000. SOLON C. GRANNIS, for Wardens.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, PITTSFIELD.

REV. D. F. SMITH, RECTOR.

BENJAMIN EMERSON, R. P. J. TENNEY, } Wardens. EDWARD O. SANDERSON, Clerk. EVERETT JENKINS, Treasurer.

Baptisms: adult, 1. Confirmed, 8. Communicants: number last reported, 13; added by removal, 3: added anew, 5; present number, 21. Marriages, 2. Burials, 1. Sunday School: teachers, 3; scholars, 13. Contributiens: for parochial purposes, $90.23; Communion alms, $19.64; Missions: Diocesan, $5; Domestic, $4.84; Church Freedmen's Commission, $18.

In the past year the Parish has well strengthened and confirmed work done in the preceding year, and has received such increase, under circumstances of hindrance, as encourages the hope of larger and better growth, now that the chief drawback upon its prosperity is removed. Through the Christian sympathy of Churchmen in various places, the debt which weighed so heavily upon this young parish has been liquidated, and we hope, at the Bishop's convenience, to present the Church to him for consecration.

WARDEN'S REPORT.

Value of Church and lot, and the buildings thereon, $3250; organ, $500; total, $3750. The above property is in good condition. The floating debt of the Parish, and also the mortgage debt of $300, have been paid the past year, through the energetic efforts of the Rector and the generosity of friends of the cause abroad. There is now no debt against the Parish. The sum of $300 was loaned, without interest, on six pews, which the Parish has the privilege of redeeming at any time within five years from Feb. 1864, but which the Parish is under no obligation to redeem. The church lot and buildings, being now held in trust for the use and benefit of the Parish by the "Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New Hampshire," are secure from alienation. The salary of the Rector is $700, and is paid partly from pew rents and subscriptions, and partly from missionary sources. BENJAMIN EMERSON, R. P. J. TENNEY, } Wardens.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, EPPING.

REV. THOS. G. VALPEY, MINISTER.

ROBERT B. DAME, HENRY F. HOITT, } Wardens. CHAS. H. NORRIS, Clerk. GEO. E. LAWRENCE, Treasurer.

Families, 25. Baptisms: adult, 1. Confirmed, 5. Communicants: last reported, 13; added anew, 5; lost by removal, 3; present number, 15. Sunday School: teachers, 7; scholars, 30. Collections since Sept. 1st, $46.75, of which $22.50 was an Easter offering to cancel the indebtedness of the Parish; $11.25 for Sunday School; $5 for Diocesan Missions; for Bishop's salary, $6; for incidentals, $2.

My connection with this Parish began July 1, 1865. Previous to that time I was engaged in an encouraging missionary work in Dunbarton, which I reluctantly yielded to another, for this more laborious and distant field. It is hoped some good has been accomplished. From all the parish the Minister has received the kindest attention and treatment. And he would acknowledge the expression of *good will* manifested by the ladies of the Church in the gifts received from the Tree at the Christmas Festival for the Sunday School.

There is reason to believe that the Benevolent Society formed during the year

by the ladies of the parish will accomplish much good. The members of the Sunday School have also formed a society, and are employing their little hands to raise money for worthy objects.

I ought, perhaps, to state that from Christmas, 1864, to June, 1865, the Church was without a Minister, and was opened only once for services. For several Sundays after re-opening, the congregation numbered from 25 to 30. There is now a permanent one of 50 to 60, frequently larger. The Sunday School, which, for many Sundays, numbered only *nine*, now has over 30 members; and the interest manifested by children and teachers is highly praiseworthy.

As I regard singing so desirable in the Sunday School, I must here express my thanks to Mr. Wm. F. Lawrence for the services he has kindly rendered in instructing the children, and also to the children themselves for the zeal they have manifested in the matter.

During the year, I have collected from unpaid subscriptions a sufficient sum to enable the Wardens to report the parish free from debt. I have also collected upwards of $200, which I am at liberty to appropriate for the purchase of an organ.

WARDEN'S REPORT.

Church, lot and furniture valued at $3000, in good condition and free from debt. Salary of Rector paid by rent of pews and missionary aid.

ROBERT B. DAME, } Wardens.
HENRY F. HOITT, }

TRINITY CHURCH, CORNISH, AND GRACE CHURCH, PLAINFIELD.

To the Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of New Hampshire:

RIGHT REVEREND SIR: I herewith report to you, that during the past Conventional year, I have officiated in Cornish at two funerals, and have assisted the Rev. Henry S. Smith, of West Claremont, in solemnizing one marriage.

Finding the pressure of services becoming greater than I could well bear, as I had the care of my Parish in Windsor, and the Chaplaincy of the Vermont State Prison to discharge, I was, with very great reluctance, obliged to discontinue my usual summer course of services at Plainfield and Cornish; nor have I yet felt able to renew them.

In behalf of Trinity Church, Cornish, I here thankfully acknowledge the gift of $25 from St. John's Church, Portsmouth. This money is at present deposited in a Savings Bank, and will be used with the most scrupulous care for its intended object, which is the preservation and repair of the venerable church building.

I feel bound to say that the assessments which, for the last three years, have been imposed by the Finance Committee, are, in my judgment, altogether exaggerated and disproportioned to the ability of the Parish. There must be some mistake in the data. I think the full sum ought not to be charged against this Parish.

MALCOM DOUGLASS,
Rector of St. Paul's Windsor, Vt.

Windsor, Vt., May 24, 1866.

CHRIST CHURCH MISSION, EXETER.

The official acts and statistics of this Mission, for the six months ending April 24, 1866, are as follows:

Baptisms: infants, 7; adutls, 8; total, 15. Confirmed, 15. Communicants: original number, 8; added by removal, 1; added anew, 6; lost by removal, 5; present number, 10. Burials, 1. Sunday School: teachers, 9; scholars, 33. Contributions: for parochial purposes, $27.80; Communion alms, $21.30; Sunday School, $24.

The first service of this Mission was held in July, 1865, by Rev. F. D. Huntington, D. D., of Boston. The prospect for the successful establishment of the Church in this ancient town is decidedly favorable, and the schools existing here,

and to exist, make it a field of prime importance, and one that should be occupied without delay by a resident minister. The undersigned took charge of the Parish on the fourth Sunday of October, 1865, and his connection with it came to an end at the confirmation, April 24, 1866. GEO. F. CUSHMAN.

NOTE.—The Rev. James Houghton is understood to be now in charge of the Mission.

GRACE CHURCH, MANCHESTER.—WARDEN'S REPORT.

The property of the Parish consists of the Church and land, valued at $12,000, and the organ and furniture of the Church, valued at $1000; also, the parsonage, valued at $3000—making the value of the property owned by the Parish $16,000. There is an insurance on the church, organ and furniture for $5000, and on the parsonage for $1200. Indebtedness of the Parish: $2500 on church, and $375 on parsonage. Amount received for rent of pews, $1100. Pews are owned by the Parish, and are rented to individuals. There is a fund of $550 towards the debt on the Church.

Since the resignation of the Rector, in February last, services have been regularly held on every Sunday, with but one exception. The Wardens desire to express their obligations to Rev. Geo. D. Henderson, Chaplain U. S. N., and several clergymen of neighboring Dioceses for their kind assistance.

HORATIO FRADD, Clerk. JOEL TAYLOR, } Wardens.
JOHN TRUESDALE, Treasurer, L. B. HOW, }

To the Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of New Hampshire:

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR: In compliance with the Canon, I hereby respectfully report, that during the Conventional year just passed I have been engaged as follows:

Until the last of September, I was attached to the U. S. Frigate Niagara as Chaplain of the same, since which time I have been "waiting orders."

I have officiated in different Parishes, on various occasions, and since my residence in this place have had the temporary charge of St. John's Church. My official acts are 24 baptisms and 6 burials.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WM. A. HITCHCOCK,
Ithaca, N. Y., May 26, 1866. Chaplain U. S. Navy.

U. S. STEAMER SABINE, GARDNER'S BAY, May 18, 1866.

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR: I have the honor to report that since June, 1865, I have been engaged in discharging the duties of Chaplain on board this ship, officiating on every Sunday save one—burying five persons, and administering the Holy Sacrament of baptism to one infant, son of the commander of this ship, (copy of record of which is enclosed.) I have also frequently assisted the Rev. Dr. Hallom, Rector of St. James' Church, New London, Conn., in administering the Holy Communion, and preached several sermons in said Church.

Very truly and respectfully,

THOMAS G. SALTER,
Chaplain U. S. N.

Rt. Rev. C. Chase, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of N. H.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL, May 25, 1866.

The undersigned, as required by Canon, reports to his Bishop, that since his ordination, on Ascension Day, 1865, he has been engaged as one of the assistant Masters of St. Paul's School, and has also, under direction of the Rev. Dr. Coit, performed the duties of Deacon in the Chapel.

He has, besides, officiated occasionally in other places in the Diocese, (including the funeral of one infant in St. Paul's Parish, Concord,) and regularly, on the Sundays of July, August and January, in the Diocese of Maryland. He has assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion seven times, and preached thirty-two times. HALL HARRISON, Deacon.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Towns.	Parishes.	Rectors.	Baptisms.			Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday Schools.		Missionary Contributions.			Other contributions for religious purposes.
			Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Added.	Died or removed.	Present number.				Teachers.	Scholars.	Diocesan..	Domestic.	Foreign.	
Nashua,	St Luke's,	Rev. Charles L. Balch,	11	7	18	1	1	66		3	12	7	70		$6 00		$150.00
Hanover,	St. Thomas',	Rev. Edward Bourns, LL. D.,	1	3	4										9.00		
Charlestown,	St. Luke's,	Rev. Francis Chase,	5	1	6	6	2	34	1	1	4	6	40	$30.14	30.00	$10.10	124.02
Dover,	St. Thomas',	Rev. John W. Clark,	11	6	17			112	10	3	5		100		20.00	24.00	892.92
Concord,	Chapel of St. Paul's School,	Rev. Henry A. Coit, D. D.,	13	7	20	16	2	45	11	2	2	4	36	25.00	125.00		1475.67
Portsmouth,	St. John's,	Rev. Thomas F. Davies,	22	8	30	46	20	239	19	10	23	27	200	100.00	40.00	81.00	1208.87
Concord,	St. Paul's,	Rev. James H. Eames, D. D.,	14	6	20			175	5	10	14		125	34.00	50.00		341.65
Walpole,	St. John's,	Rev. Frederic S. Fisher,	3	2	5	8	1	22			1			4.05	2 13		27.56
Walpole, (Drewsville.)	St. Peter's,		2	1	3			18			3			2.40			8.64
Sanbornton Bridge,	Trinity,	Rev. Marcellus A. Herrick, D.D.	4	18	22	8	3	53	11	1	1	4	30	6.75	15.00		16.00
Claremont,	Trinity,	Rev. John Milton Peck,	11	7	18	11	15	150	8	4	11	11	90	56.00	43.30	20.62	543.07
Keene,	St. James',	Rev. Edward A. Renouf,	22	4	26	15	6	54	5	6	8	10	64	24.20	14.44	9.53	546.81
Hopkinton,	St. Andrew's,	Rev. William Schouler, Jr.,	1	1	2	2	2	39	2		1	5	32	7.30	9.08	6.25	
Claremont,	Union,	Rev. Henry S. Smith,	6	1	7	5		40		1	8	4	20	6.33	5.00		6.57
Pittsfield,	St. Stephen's,	Rev. Daniel F. Smith,		1	1	8		21	8	2	1	3	13	5.00	4.84		127.87
Epping,	St. Philip's,	Rev. Thomas G. Valpey,		1	1	5	3	15	5			7	30	5.00			41.75
Exeter,	Christ,	Rev. James Houghton,	7	8	15	7	5	10	15			9	33				73.10
Cornish,	Trinity,	Vacant,								1	2						
Plainfield,	Grace,	Vacant,															
Manchester,	Grace,	no report,															
Holderness,	St. Mark's,	Vacant—no report,															
Laconia,	Grace,	Vacant—no report,															
Goffstown,	St. Matthew's,	Vacant,															
			133	82	215	138	60	1083	100	44	90	97	883	$306.17	$373.79	$151.50	$5584.50

DIOCESE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

HORACE A. BROWN, TREASURER,

1865. IN ACCOUNT WITH THE BISHOP'S FUND. Dr.

June 20.	To amount of J. W. Moore, former Treasurer,	$8.00
May 29.	Cash of Trinity Church, Claremont,	80.00
May 30.	" St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	5.00
July 8.	" St. Paul's Church, Concord,	60.00
Aug. 11.	" St. James' Church, Keene,	15.00
Aug. 29.	" St. Luke's Church, Nashua,	15.00
Sept. 4.	" St. Philip's Church, Epping,	5.00
Sept. 26.	" St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	10.00
Oct. 18.	" a gentleman,	100.00
Dec. 18.	" St. Luke's Church, Charlestown,	10.00
1866.		
Jan. 13.	" St. John's Church, Walpole,	5.00
Jan. 18.	" Treas. Donations, Boston,	200.00
Feb. 5.	" St. Philip's Church, Epping,	5.00
Feb. 17.	" St. John's Church, Portsmouth,	180.00
Feb. 21.	" Trinity Church, Cornish,	30.00
May 2.	" St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	5.00
May 5.	" St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	40.00
May 5.	" St. Luke's Church, Nashua,	15.00
May 5.	" St. Paul's Church, Concord,	60.00
May 14.	" a gentleman,	100.00
May 15.	" Union Church, Claremont,	90.00
May 19.	" St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	10.00
May 29.	" Trinity Church, Claremont,	80.00
May 30.	" St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield,	5.00
May 30.	" Trinity Church, Sanbornton,	30.00
May 30.	" Grace Church, Manchester,	40.00
		$1208.00

CONTRA. Cr.

1865–6.	By paid Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, at sundry times, as per receipts,	$1128.00
	Balance in hands of Treasurer,	76.00
		$1203.00
	Due from St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	$5.00
	" Grace Church, Laconia, assessment of 1863, 4 and 5,	15.00
	Whole amount due,	$20.00

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE A. BROWN, Treasurer.

Concord, May 30, 1866.

DIOCESE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

HORACE A. BROWN, TREASURER,

1865. IN ACCOUNT WITH THE DIOCESE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE. Dr.

June 20.	To cash of J. W. Moore, former Treasurer,	$60.10
June 20.	" St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	1.00
July 8.	" St. Paul's Church, Concord,	6.00
Aug. 11.	" St. James' Church, Keene,	2.00
Aug. 29.	" St. Luke's Church, Nashua,	2.00
Sept. 4.	" St. Philip's Church, Epping,	1.00
Sept. 20.	" Grace Church, Plainfield, (gratuity,)	1.00
Sept. 26.	" St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	1.00
Dec. 18.	" St. Luke's Church, Charlestown,	1.00
1866.		
Jan. 18.	" St. John's Church, Walpole,	1.00
Feb. 5.	" St. Philip's Church, Epping,	1.00
Feb. 10.	" Trinity Church, Claremont,	24.50
Feb. 14.	" Grace Church, Manchester,	8.00
Feb. 17.	" St. John's Church, Portsmouth,	16.00
Feb. 17.	" St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	4.00
Feb. 17.	" Union Church, Claremont,	8.00
Feb. 24.	" St. Paul's Church, Concord,	6.00
May 3.	" St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	1.00
May 5.	" St. Luke's Church, Nashua,	2.00
May 19.	" St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	1.00
May 30.	" St. Stephens' Church, Pittsfield,	1.00
May 30.	" Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge,	4.00
		$152.60

1865. CONTRA, Cr.

June 25.	Paid Horace A. Brown, traveling expenses, as per vote of Convention, 1865,	$5.75
July 10.	Paid Wm. Butterfield, printing Journals, 1864,	50.00
July 31.	" for postage stamps,	1.85
Oct. 12.	" for stationery,	50
1866.		
Feb. 19.	" postage and Revenue stamps,	50
Feb. 20.	" Herman Cope, Treasurer of General Convention,	63.00
May 25.	" Wm. Butterfield, for printing Journals for 1865, in part,	25.00
	Balance in hands of Treasurer,	6.00
		$152.60

Due from	Trinity Church, Cornish,	$1.00
"	St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	1.00
"	Grace Church, Laconia, (assessment of 1863, 4 and 5,)	3.00
	Whole amount due,	$5.00

Respectfully submitted,
HORACE A. BROWN, Treasurer.

Concord, May 30, 1866.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

FRANCIS CHASE, TREASURER,

1865.	IN ACCOUNT WITH THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.		Dr.
May 31.	To balance on hand,		$408.56
June 10.	To cash from Grace Church, Manchester,		25.00
1866.			
May 30.	To Easter collections from the following Churches:		
	St. Luke's, Charlestown,	30.14	
	St. John's, Walpole,	4.05	
	St. Peter's, Drewsville,	2.40	
	St. Paul's Concord,	84.00	
	Trinity, Claremont,	36.00	
	St. James', Keene,	24.20	
	St. Andrew's, Hopkinton,	7.30	
	St. Luke's, Nashua,	6.63	
	St. John's, Portsmouth,	100.00	
	St. Philip's, Epping,	5.00	
	Union, West Claremont,	6.33	
	St. Stephen's, Pittsfield,	5.00	
	Trinity, Sanbornton Bridge,	6.75	
	Grace, Manchester,	22.82	
	Chapel of St. Paul's School,	25.00	
	To Savings Bank dividends,	14.83	
			$764.01

1865.	CONTRA,		Cr.
June 12.	By paid Rev. Dr. Hubbard, Bishop's order,		$50.00
July 28.	" St. Luke's, Nashua,		50.00
Sept. 11.	" Rev. Dr. Eames, missionary expenses,		40.00
1866.			
Mar. 27.	" Rev. T. G. Valpey,		100.00
Apr. 10.	" for printing circulars,		2.35
May 30.	" Rev. D. F. Smith, Bishop's order.		50.00
			$292.35
	Balance on hand,		$471.66

FRANCIS CHASE, Treasurer.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Morning service of the Church shall be performed every day during the session of the Convention.

2. When the President takes the chair, he shall call the Convention to order, and every member shall remain in his seat, unless he rise to address the chair.

3. The President shall speak to points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide the questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convention by any member.

4. When the Convention is equally divided, the President shall decide the question by his vote; and when his vote, if given to the minority, shall make an equal division, it shall also be his duty to vote, and in such case the question shall be lost.

5. When a member is about to speak upon any question, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat and address himself to the President.

6. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

7. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention without leave, if he be able to attend.

8. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without leave of the Convention, nor more than once until every member wishing to speak shall have spoken.

9. Every member who shall be in the Convention when a question is put, shall give his vote, unless excused for special reasons before a division.

10. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President before being debated, and shall be reduced to writing, if so required by the President.

11. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone to a certain time, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely—which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged.

12. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order; that, and the motion to lay on the table, shall always be decided without debate.

13. When a motion has been decided in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member in the majority to move a reconsideration thereof on the same day.

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Rev. ——— ———, Rector.

——— ———, } Wardens. ——— ———, Clerk.
——— ———, } ——— ———, Treasurer.

Baptisms—Infants,		
Adults,		
Confirmed,		
Communicants—Number last reported,		
Added by removal,		
" anew,		
Lost by removal,		
" death,		
Present number,		
Marriages,		
Burials,		
Sunday School—Teachers,		
Scholars,		
Contributions for Parochial purposes,		
" Communion Alms,		
" Missions—Diocesan,		
Domestic,		
Foreign,		
Extra,		

CERTIFICATE OF LAY DELEGATES.

At the Annual Parish Meeting of ——— Church of ———, on the ——— day of ———, [last, or inst.,] A— B—, C— D—, and E— F—, were duly elected Delegates to the Convention of this Diocese, to be held at ———, on ——— next, and G— H—, I— K—, and L— M—, were also chosen as substitutes.

(Signed,) ——— ———, *Parish Clerk.*

[Or *Rector* or *Warden*, as the case may be.]

NOTICE.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Hampshire, will be held in St John's Church, Portsmouth, on the last Wednesday in May, 1867, at 9 o'clock A. M.

HORACE A. BROWN,
Secretary of the Convention.

Concord, June, 1866.

Diocese of New-Hampshire.

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ANNUAL CONVENTION.

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DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH,

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 1867.

CONCORD, N. H.:
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CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

MAY 29, 1867.

Rt. Rev. CARLTON CHASE, D. D., Bishop, residing in Claremont.
Rev. J. DOWNING BERRY, D. D., residing in Portsmouth.
Rev. C. INGLES CHAPIN, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Nashua.
Rev. FRANCIS CHASE, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Charlestown.
Rev. HENRY A. COIT, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's School, Concord.
Rev. JOSEPH H. COIT, Vice Rector of St Paul's School, Concord.
Rev. SOUTHARD COMPTON, D. D., Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Goffstown.
Rev. THOMAS F. DAVIES, Rector of St. John's Church, Portsmouth.
Rev. JAMES H. EAMES, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Concord.
Rev. GEORGE G. FIELD, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Dover.
Rev. FREDERIC S. FISHER, Rector of St. John's Church, Walpole.
Rev. ALONZO B. FLANDERS, officiating in St. Thomas' Church, Hanover.
Rev. JOHN HARGATE, Deacon, Master in St. Paul's School, Concord.
Rev. WILLIAM J. HARRIS, Rector of Grace Church, Manchester.
Rev. HALL HARRISON, Deacon, Master in St. Paul's School, Concord.
Rev. JAMES HAUGHTON, Missionary at Exeter.
Rev. MARCELLUS A. HERRICK, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge.
Rev. WILLIAM A. HITCHCOCK, Chaplain in the Navy of the United States.
Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, D. D., residing in Claremont.
Rev. JOHN M. PECK, Rector of Trinity Church, Claremont.
Rev. EDWARD A. RENOUF, Rector of St. James' Church, Keene.
Rev. THOMAS G. SALTER, Chaplain in the Navy of the United States.
Rev. WILLIAM SCHOULER, Jr., Rector of St. Andrews' Church, Hopkinton.
Rev. HENRY S. SMITH, Rector of Union Church, Claremont.
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PROCEEDINGS.

St. John's Church, Portsmouth,
Wednesday, May 29, 1867.

This being the day appointed by the Constitution for holding the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Hampshire, the Right Reverend Carlton Chase, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, with a number of the Clergy and Laity, assembled at St. John's Church, Portsmouth, agreeably to a resolution passed at the sixty-sixth Annual Convention of said Church, held at Concord, May 30, 1866.

The first service connected with the Convention was held on Tuesday evening, when the Rev. Hall Harrison preached the Annual Missionary Sermon; Evening Prayer being read by the Rev. Dr. E. M. P. Wells, of the Diocese of Massachusetts, the Rev. Dr. Eames, and the Rev. J. H. Coit.

The Convention was called to order on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, by the Rt. Rev. President, the Bishop of the Diocese.

Mr. Horace A. Brown, the Secretary of the last Convention being absent, the Rev. J. H. Coit, was chosen Secretary *pro tempore*, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Eames.

The Bishop laid upon the Secretary's table a list of the Clergy of the Diocese, canonically members of the Convention, which being called, the following answered to their names and took seats in the Convention:

Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D.;
Rev. J. Downing Berry, D. D.;
Rev. C. Ingles Chapin;
Rev. Francis Chase;
Rev. Henry A. Coit, D. D.;
Rev. Joseph H. Coit;

Rev. SOUTHARD COMPTON, D. D.;
Rev. THOMAS F. DAVIES;
Rev. JAMES H. EAMES, D. D.;
Rev. GEORGE G. FIELD;
Rev. JOHN HARGATE;
Rev. WILLIAM J. HARRIS;
Rev. HALL HARRISON;
Rev. JAMES HAUGHTON;
Rev. MARCELLUS A. HERRICK, D. D.;
Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, D. D.;
Rev. JOHN M. PECK;
Rev. EDWARD A. RENOUF;
Rev. THOMAS G. SALTER;
Rev. WILLIAM SCHOULER, Jr.;
Rev. HENRY S. SMITH;
Rev. DANIEL F. SMITH;
Rev. THOMAS G. VALPEY.

The certificates of Lay Delegates were presented and referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Dr. Eames and Mr. George Olcott, who subsequently reported the following persons as entitled to seats in the Convention:

St. John's Church, Portsmouth, ...	Messrs.	*Albert R. Hatch, John R. Reding, *Lyman D. Spalding.
Trinity Church, Claremont, ...	Messrs.	*Arnold Briggs, Charles F. Long, *George G. Ide.
St. Paul's Church, Concord, ...	Messrs.	*Franklin Pierce, *Wm. L. Foster, Joseph Robinson.
Grace Church, Manchester, ...	Messrs.	*John Cayser, John Truesdale, J. B. Bradley.
St. Thomas' Church, Dover, ...	Messrs.	Charles W. Woodman, *Charles A. Tufts, George F. Rollins.
St. Luke's Church, Charlestown, ...	Messrs.	Porter Spencer, George Curtis, *George Olcott.
St. James' Church, Keene, ...	Messrs.	Thos. B. Kittredge, William P. Wheeler, *Marvin T. Tottingham.
St. Stephens' Church, Pittsfield, ...	Messrs.	Benjamin Emerson, R. P. J. Tenney, C. S. P. Sanderson.
St. Luke's Church, Nashua, ...	Messrs.	*H. A. Marsh, *F. O. Munroe, *J. P. S. Otterson.

*Present.

St. Philip's Church, Epping, ...	.Messrs.	*J. B. Pearson,
		C. H. Norris,
		*A. D. Hodgdon.
St. Mark's Church, Holderness, . . .	.Mr.	*Jonathan F. Keyes.
St. Thomas' Church, Hanover, ...	.Messrs.	Thomas H. Crosby,
		Wm. H. Duncan,
		E. W. Smith.
St. Matthew's Church, Goffstown, . .	.Messrs.	Wm. H. H. Hart,
		Alexander Taggart,
		*Rodney Johnson.
Christ Church, Exeter, ...	.Messrs.	H. D. Batchelder,
		S. B. Swett,
		Edward Morris.

The report was accepted, and the roll having been called, delegates present were admitted to seats in the Convention.

Hon. C. A. Tufts offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That clergymen officiating in this Diocese, not canonically members of this Convention, and clergymen of other Dioceses, and candidates for Orders, who may be present, be admitted to seats in this Convention.

Under this resolution there were present the Rev. A. B. Flanders, of the Diocese of Rhode Island, officiating at Hanover; Rev. E. M. P. Wells, D. D., Rev. Joshua R. Peirce, and Rev. George D. Wildes, of the Diocese of Massachusetts; and the Rev. Charles Wells Hayes, Chaplain to the Bishop of Maine.

The President appointed the following Committees:

On Finance—Rev. Dr. Herrick, Hon. C. A. Tufts, Mr. Arnold Briggs.

On Constitution and Canons—Rev. Dr. Hubbard, Rev. Mr. Davies, Mr. Wm. L. Foster.

On New Parishes—Rev. Dr. Coit, Rev. Mr. Peck, Mr. L. D. Spalding.

At this hour of the proceedings, the Rt. Rev. Henry A. Neely, D. D., Bishop of Maine, was introduced by the Rt. Rev. President, the Convention rising to receive him. The Bishop of Maine, by invitation of the President, then took a seat at his right hand.

Mr. Wm. L. Foster, of Concord, and Mr. George Olcott, of Charlestown, having been nominated as members of the Board of "Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New-Hampshire," on motion of Rev. Dr. Hubbard, these nominations were confirmed.

The Secretary then read the following

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

To the sixty-seventh Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Hampshire:

The Standing Committee of the Diocese, through its Secretary, makes the following report of its transactions during the past year.

At the Annual Convention of the Diocese, held in St. Paul's Church, at Con-

cord, on the 30th day of May, 1866, the following gentlemen were elected the Standing Committee for the then ensuing year: Rev. Thomas F. Davies, of Portsmouth; Rev. Henry A. Coit, D. D., of Concord; Rev. J. H. Eames, D. D., of Concord; Hon. Charles A. Tufts, of Dover; William L. Foster, of Concord, and Horace A. Brown, of Concord.

The Committee was organized on the same day by the choice of Rev. Dr. Eames as President, and Wm. L. Foster, Secretary.

Since the last report, the Committee have signified their consent to the consecration of Rev. Joseph P. B. Wilmer, as Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana; Rev. George D. Cummins, D. D., as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Kentucky; Rev. Wm. E. Armitage, D. D., as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Wisconsin; Rev. Henry A. Neely, D. D., as Bishop of the Diocese of Maine; and Rev. Daniel S. Tuttle, as Missionary Bishop for the Territories of Montana, Utah and Idaho.

They have also recommended to the Bishop for Priest's Orders, Rev. Hall Harrison, Rev. Nathaniel F. Putnam, and Rev. James Haughton.

WM. L. FOSTER, *Secretary.*

Concord, N. H., May 27, 1867.

The Committee on New Parishes, by the Rev. Dr. Coit, reported that they had examined the papers relating to the organization of Christ Church, Exeter, and find them correct; and recommend that said parish be admitted into union with this Convention. Adopted.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to elect a Standing Committee for the year ensuing.

The President appointed Rev. Dr. Herrick, and Mr. J. F. Keyes, tellers, who reported the following as elected: Rev. James H. Eames, D. D., Rev. Henry A. Coit, D. D., Rev. Thomas F. Davies, Hon. Charles A. Tufts, Mr. Wm. L. Foster, and Mr. Horace A. Brown.

The Treasurer's reports being presented, were referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Briggs, it was resolved that the next Convention of this Diocese be held in Trinity Church, Claremont.

The Rev. Dr. Eames offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Bishop be respectfully requested to prepare a plan of a Convocation of the clergy for furthering the missionary work of the Diocese, and to put the same into operation as soon as practicable. Adopted.

Voted, To adjourn for divine service, and to meet again at 2½ o'clock this afternoon.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Messrs. Salter, Peck, and Harris; the Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard, D. D.; the Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Bishop of Maine, the Rev. Drs. Wells and Eames, and the Rev. Henry S. Smith.

2.30 P. M.

The Rev. Dr. Eames having taken the chair by request of the Bishop, the Secretary called the roll of the Convention.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to choose a Secretary, and Mr. Horace A. Brown, of Concord, was declared re-elected.

An election for Treasurer being ordered, Mr. Horace A. Brown, of Concord, was chosen.

The Bishop then read his

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

My Dear and Honored Brethren:

The merciful and gracious Lord, in this portion of his field, "hath so done his marvellous work, that it ought to be had in remembrance." Thus, from year to year I present my record—this being the twenty-third time of my making report to this growing and most useful body of clergymen and Christian laymen. For twenty-three successive years, without failure from any cause, I have been permitted by a gracious Providence to meet this Convention; and happy and thankful I am in being able to say, that during all that time the most perfect harmony has marked our meetings and our proceedings. But now, to me, the end cannot be distant. May the Lord prepare me for it.

I proceed to submit to you an account of such labors as, under weakness and infirmity, I have been able to perform, and of such other things as may be of interest in your Journal and Record.

June 10, 1866—*Sunday.* I made a visitation of Trinity Church, Claremont, and confirmed fifteen persons. An address, of the most solemn interest and appropriateness, was delivered, at my request, by the Rev. Mr. Peck, Rector of the Church.

June 16. Notice from Manchester of the election of the Rev. Wm. J. Harris, Deacon, to the Rectorship of Grace Church, and his acceptance of the same.

June 28. I passed the last three days in attendance on the annual meeting of the Trustees of St. Paul's School, and in the examination of the classes of the School in their various studies. In the teaching and management of this Institution I can see no fault. I am ready to call it perfect.

June 29—*St. Peter's Day.* In St. Paul's Church, Concord, under request from the Bishop of Massachusetts, I ordained to the Priesthood, the Rev. William James Harris, Rector elect of Grace Church, Manchester. The sermon, deeply interesting to all present, was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Coit. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Dr. Eames, who, with Dr. Coit and the Rev. Wm. Schouler, Jr., joined in the laying on of hands.

June 30. In Dunbarton, a new place of Missionary work, I laid

the corner stone of an edifice to be called St. John's Church. It was an hour of deep solemnity and interest to a large assemblage of people. The services of our Church were performed there for the first time about a year previous. From the beginning there has been a constant increase in numbers and interest. Connections and descendants of the famous General Stark are doing much by their favor and their means. There were present of the clergy, the Rev. Drs. Eames and Coit, Rev. Messrs. Coit, Schouler, Harrison, Valpey, and Hargate. Addresses were delivered by myself, the Rev. Dr. Eames, and the Hon. Horace Chase. The Rev. Joseph H. Coit is in charge, and is doing great good.

July 16. In an informal visit to friends in Drewsville, I had the pleasure of meeting two clergymen on a summer retreat,—the Rev. Dr. G. W. Porter, and the Rev. Lea Luqueer, both from the Diocese of New-York, and of hearing a sermon from each in St. Peter's Church. I may as well state here, that Dr. Porter has remained there during most of the year, and has done much good by public service in the morning of Sundays, and catechising the children in the afternoon. I am informed that his labors have been very acceptable to the people, and that Church interests there are in an encouraging state.

July 22—*Sunday.* In the absence of the Rev. Mr. Peck, I preached twice in Trinity Church, Claremont—prayers being read by a layman.

July 24. I received and accepted from the Bishop of Massachusetts a Letter Dimissory in favor of the Rev. William James Harris, now Rector of Grace Church, Manchester.

July 28. I gave my consent, according to Canon, to the consecration of the Rev. Joseph P. B. Wilmer, D. D., as Bishop of Louisiana.

August 14. I cannot deny myself the pleasure of mentioning here, that I had a short but very delightful visit from the Rt. Rev. Bishop Green, of Mississippi. The same day, I gave my full and cordial consent to the consecration of the Rev. Geo. D. Cummins, D. D., as Assistant Bishop of Kentucky.

August 23. The Rev. John W. Clark resigns the Rectorship of St. Thomas' Church, Dover.

August 26—*Sunday.* I passed this day, unofficially, with the Rev. Mr. Davies, at Portsmouth, assisting in the service both morning and evening.

August 29. In compliance with the desire of a very dear friend, I visited Hampton Falls, and by our solemn service joined together two persons in holy matrimony.

September 8. I gave a letter Dimissory, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Illinois, in favor of the Rev. John W. Clark, Presbyter.

September 11. On a submission of the case by the Bishop of Massachusetts, I cheerfully gave my consent to the restoration of Mr. George W. Timlow to the Ministry of the Church.

At a visitation I confirmed two persons in Union Church Claremont.

September 16—*Sunday.* I visited St. Thomas' Church, Hanover, preached twice and confirmed six persons. The Rev. Dr. Bourns having removed, with the University, to Northfield, Vt., this was his last day of service at Hanover. From that time until lately the Church had occasional services by clergymen desirous to sustain it. For some time past the Rev. A. B. Flanders, of Rhode Island, now sojourning in this Diocese, has very kindly, on payment of expenses, officiated there on Sundays. But this cannot be reasonably expected to continue long. There is a most pressing necessity that a settled pastor should be seen going in and out daily among this people. There is no place in the Diocese where liberal contributions would do more good,—not to the locality only, nor to the Diocese only, but to the Church of our country generally. Sometime last autumn I drew up a statement of facts, which was published in some of the Church papers. But it seemed not to attract attention. Until the endowment becomes available, $500 a year from our brethren abroad, at the lowest estimate, is necessary to sustain this Church in its position of eminent usefulness. May the gracious Lord turn hither the hearts of the liberal and faithful.

September 23—*Sunday.* I visited Trinity Church, Cornish, and preached twice—a layman reading prayers. I have never found a better or more earnest spirit among these people. I do trust they will be favored in their designs, and will, through grace, have more than "a name to live." The means are in hand for a thorough repairing of the plain old church.

October 13. In a letter to the Presiding Bishop, I gave my consent to the consecration of the Rev. Wm. E. Armitage, D. D., as the Assistant Bishop of Wisconsin. The Rev. Dr. Armitage was for a year or two an Assistant Minister in this Diocese, and earnestly and faithfully did he pursue the work of love and duty. I cannot doubt he will be one of our most useful Bishops.

October 14—*Sunday.* In the absence of the Rector of St. Luke's Church, Charlestown, I preached twice in that church—a layman reading prayers. The kind hearted people there did everything they could to make me easy and comfortable, and were successful. God bless them!

October 21—*Sunday.* In Trinity Church, Claremont, I confirmed five persons.

October 25. I visited St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield. This was a day of great and most solemn interest. That beautiful little Church was, in due form, consecrated to the service of Almighty God, and the Holy Communion administered. Of the clergy there were present and assisting the Rev. Drs. Eames and Herrick, the Rev. Messrs. Peck, (who kindly attended my movements in these visits,) Davies, Smith (Rector), Renouf, Schouler, Hargate and Valpey. The sermon was delivered by Dr. Eames; the deed was read by Mr. Smith, and the sentence of Consecration by Mr. Da-

vices. The rite of Confirmation was administered here to four persons. The free and abounding hospitality of the people was all that *could* be desired or enjoyed.

October 26—*Friday.* At Sanbornton Bridge Mr. Peck delivered a sermon, and I had the satisfaction of confirming eighteen persons. I judge that this parish was never doing better than now. There is a large class of persons who do not shrink from fidelity to their own judgments.

October 27. At Holderness we were kindly met by Mr. J. F. Keyes, who took us to his own hospitable mansion.

October 28—*Sunday.* In the morning I preached in that beautiful little church—the Rev. Mr. Peck reading prayers. In the afternoon he preached. I have not seen so large a congregation here since the consecration of the church. Morning and afternoon the church was nearly full. Often, painfully often, am I reminded of the unhappy consequences of a want of harmony among the people of feeble or new parishes. In no department of social life—not even in the family—is harmony more important than in Christian parishes. As to this, ministers are often in fault. I rejoice to learn, that most encouraging prospects are now opening on this parish. The sum of $700 has been subscribed, and a clergyman is much desired by all, and I do think a wise, pious, and gentle-hearted man would find a door open for much most useful labor.

October 29. In Grace Church, Manchester, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Peck, I confirmed two persons.

On the day following, in the same church, I ordained to the Priesthood the Rev. James Haughton, Missionary at Exeter, who had just been transferred to this Diocese from Massachusetts—the Rev. Dr. Eames, who preached the sermon, and the Rev. Messrs. Peck and Harris assisting.

October 31. In company with the Rev. Messrs. Eames, Peck, and Harris, I made my first visit to our new post in Goffstown, eight miles westward from Manchester, and a most interesting and delightful visit it was. I stopped on the kind and most refreshing hospitality of Mrs. Rodney Johnson. In the evening we held divine service in a large hall, when Mr. Peck gave an excellent sermon on Confirmation, and I confirmed eight persons. The hall was truly filled with a congregation as attentive as I ever knew. The responses were admirable, and so was the music. The society was less than two years old, and yet there was much appearance of maturity. The Rev. Southard Compton, D. D., was officiating there, and is still there abounding in most successful labors. Measures are in progress for building a church. Brethren, help them in the collection of means, if you can. I feel under obligation to the Rev. Mr. Peck for attending me in these visitations. He, in many ways, contributed greatly to my comfort and usefulness. His preaching was sure to gain the deepest attention of the people, and his conversation did much good among them.

November 12. Notice from the Bishop of Texas of the deposition from the ministry of C. W. Stone, a Deacon.

November 15. I this day put my signature to a very important paper drawn up by a Committee, (Bishops Kemper, Williams, and Coxe,) appointed at a late meeting of the House of Bishops, to prepare an expression of the opinion of the Bishops concerning Church Law and Order, with reference to innovations in the Ritual of the Church. I do not hesitate to say that I gave my signature to that paper under a most perfect conviction that it was right, and was demanded by the circumstances of the time. I signed it under a purpose to let my Diocese know my opinions on the subject. Nor am I likely to regret it.

November 27. I gave to Mr. Robert Agnew Benton a license to act as Lay Reader and Catechist.

December 2—*Advent Sunday.* I visited St. James' Church, Keene—preached twice, confirmed one person, consecrated the elements in the Holy Communion, and assisted in some other parts of divine service. It was a day I shall long remember for its labor and its enjoyment. I regret that ill health and other things prevented my making another visit to this Church, as I learn there are several candidates for confirmation.

December 4. Notice from the Bishop of Kentucky of the deposition from the Ministry of Peter H. Jeffries, Presbyter.

From the Bishop of Connecticut I received and accepted a Letter Dimissory in favor of the Rev. J. D. Berry, D. D.

December 14. I received and accepted from the Bishop of New-York a Letter Dimissory in favor of the Rev. Southard Compton, D. D., Presbyter, officiating at Goffstown. Also, I received with acceptance from the Ecclesiastical authority of Pennsylvania, a Letter Dimissory in favor of the Rev. George G. Field. I am most happy to add, that our brother is now Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Dover.

December 19. At my request, under peculiar circumstances, the Rev. Nathaniel F. Putnam was ordained Priest by the Bishop of Vermont, at Poultney.

December 24. I gave my consent to the consecration of the Rev. H. A. Neely, D. D., as Bishop of Maine.

December 29. Obliged by considerations not necessary to be mentioned in this Address, but which will be found in the records of my office, I state now, that under this date I revoked and annulled a license given to Charles L. Balch, Deacon, to officiate on trial, for a time, in this Diocese.

January 2, 1867. I gave a Letter Dimissory to Vermont in favor of the Rev. Nathaniel French Putnam.

January 6—*Epiphany.* I visited St. John's Church, Walpole, Rev. Fred. S. Fisher, Rector. In the morning we had prayers and the Communion. In the afternoon I preached and confirmed three persons. On Tuesday, January 8, Mr. Fisher took me across the river to Westminster, where, under permission of the Bishop of

Vermont, I confirmed a sick man, who has since died. Most delightfully and beneficially as respects health, I passed six days here in the kind and hospitable family of Mr. B. P. Spaulding.

February 27. Received from the Bishop of Missouri notice of the deposition from the Ministry of J. Pearce Canon, Presbyter.

March 2. Notice from the Bishop of Wisconsin of the deposition from the Ministry of Ebenezer Williams.

March 6. I gave my consent to the Consecration of the Rev. Daniel S. Tuttle, as Bishop of Montana, Idaho, &c.

March 6. I requested Dr. Thomas R. Crosby to act as Lay Reader and Catechist in St. Thomas' Church, Hanover—it being understood, that, in the absence of a clergyman, he shall have charge of divine service.

March 23. I received from the Ecclesiastical authority of Connecticut notice of the deposition from the Ministry of Charles L. Balch, Deacon.

April 17. The Convention will be interested in being informed, that the Holderness people have subscribed $700 towards the support of a clergyman, and can raise $100 more. They want the Diocese to make it up $1000. This information comes from a lady. No communication has reached me from the Vestry.

April 20. Accompanied by one of my sons I started on a visitation of several churches in the eastern part of the Diocese. The journey to Concord was a very hard one. But thankful I am to have been sustained through it.

April 21—*Easter Day.* I visited St. Paul's Church, Concord, and confirmed four persons, besides performing parts in the solemn services of that great and glorious day. I judge that this Church was never in a better condition than now. One thing here I shall long remember with admiration. Nothing of the kind could exceed the musical part of the service that holy morning. It was executed chiefly by the young ladies and children, numbering thirty or forty. For Easter Day a better preparation could not be made. A more delightful Easter I think I never knew. In the evening of the same day I went out to St. Paul's School, where, in the chapel, I confirmed one person, Mr. Henry Howard Huse, from Pittsfield—to whom I gave a license to act as Lay Reader and Catechist in Pittsfield and parts adjacent.

April 23. Attended by the Rev. Dr. Eames, who, most kindly gave me his presence and assistance in meeting my other appointments, I proceeded to Exeter, where, after a sermon by him, I confirmed thirteen persons, and delivered a short address. Seldom have I seen so much true and earnest life in a parish so recently formed. An excellent lot has been purchased, and nearly nine thousand dollars collected for building a church. The work will soon be commenced. The Rev. James Haughton is the faithful and laborious Rector. Let us do what we can, my brethren, to encourage and sustain him in the arduous labors of the first years of a

new parish. In these times of high prices some more money is needed for the work of building.

April 24. At Dover, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Davies, I confirmed six persons. The Rev. George G. Field is now Rector of St. Thomas' Church, and there is every proof and prospect of eminent usefulness. The church edifice is too small, and the people seem resolved to remove it and build one more commodious. It is the intention of Mr. Field to offer the holding of some services at Salmon Falls.

April 25—*Thursday.* I visited St Luke's Church, Nashua, confirmed eight persons, and delivered a short address. This was an occasion of most remarkable interest. There being a deaf mute among the candidates for confirmation, the officiating minister, the Rev. C. Ingles Chapin, had invited the Rev. Dr. Gallandet, of New-York, an accomplished educator of deaf mutes, as his father was before him, to be present and to interpret. The candidate and one other person present had been educated in the sign language. In a short address delivered by Dr. Gallandet and his manual illustrations, the congregation, filling the house, were deeply interested. Seldom, if ever, have I felt more impressed with holy service. A short sermon was delivered by Dr. Eames. So pleasing and encouraging are the state and prospects of this Church now, that I shall say little here of its history for the year 1866. I must, however, say a few words. In the month of February a young Deacon from another Diocese, introduced himself there, and for many months appeared to be making friends. But there were serious and unhappy faults, and on the 29th day of December I judged it to be my duty to forbid his officiating longer in the Diocese. He has since been deposed from the ministry by the Bishop of Connecticut.

May 10. I gave a Letter Dimissory to the Diocese of Vermont in favor of the Rev. Dr. Bourns.

May 15. From the Bishop of Massachusetts I received and accepted a Letter Dimissory in favor of the Rev. C. Ingles Chapin, who, I am most happy to learn, has been chosen to the Rectorship of St. Luke's Church, Nashua, and has accepted the same. I feel confident of the propriety of my saying in this Address, that the prospect of a healthy Church growth and stability was never so good and encouraging as now. May the Lord's blessing rest abundantly on the people; and may they, as well as their pastor, be willing to "spend and be spent."

May 19. I visited St. Luke's Church, Charlestown, preached twice and confirmed four persons—one of whom in a sick room. This Church seems still in a happy prosperity. May the work long continue.

May 20. In answer to a note from the Rev. Dr. Compton, I expressed my desire that he would request the Rev. Dr. Eames to lay the corner stone of St. Matthew's Church, Goffstown.

May 26—*Sunday.* I visited Grace Church, Manchester, and confirmed five persons.

May 29. In St. John's Church, Portsmouth, I confirmed twenty-two persons.

The whole number of persons confirmed during the Conventional year is one hundred and twenty.

Having thus given you an account of my inquiries and feeble labors, and the condition of the Diocese during the last year, I see a few topics on which I wish to say a few words.

To my brethren, the clergy, I beg to recommend a careful and exact attention to the keeping of the registers of the churches where they officiate, or are pastors. Let there be first a good book for the purpose, then let entries be made with care, neatness and exactness. I have lately seen a register, in which appeared the remarkable fact that in great numbers of cases an individual was entered as a family, who had no family; and in cases not few, the individual was but transiently in church. Such is not a truthful record, and no one now in the Diocese would make such entries. But let me counsel you, my brethren, to be very attentive to the keeping of your parish registers. If your own hand cannot make the entries neat and unquestionably legible, call in an assisting hand. Take care that the future has reason to approve and value your record of labor and progress.

On the preparation of persons or classes for confirmation, I desire to say a word to my brethren of the clergy. The general idea I would express is this: that when a class, more or less in number, has been confirmed, the Rector or officiating minister should go on immediately to the preparing of another. And whenever an individual has attained to the required state of mind and heart, and desires confirmation, let him be admitted to the Holy Communion at once, and present himself for confirmation at the first visitation. See the Rubric at the end of "the Order of Confirmation." This course is most likely to effect a thorough and steadfast preparation, and to secure in the mind of the candidate a well settled purpose of holy living, and of true communion with the adorable Redeemer. I trust the occasion will excuse me, if I refer to a case, not recent, which left an unpleasant impression on my mind. In this case the Rector, though duly notified, had made, as he admitted, no particular or individual preparation of candidates before the Bishop's arrival on Saturday. And yet, after a few hours of inquiry and conversation, he was able, on Sunday, to present a large class. This case, though an extreme one, shows the propriety of plain counsel occasionally to the pastors of flocks.

As respects the extension of the influence of the Church, and the formation of new parishes, I cannot but feel deeply anxious. And here I would refer to a closing paragraph in my last Address, which, I fear, not all our clergy have duly urged on the attention of their flocks, respecting the joining together of young and feeble Churches in the support of a clergyman. Our means for helping such are getting short, and are in danger of being over-drawn. Too often is

it said, "If we cannot have full and regular service from Sunday to Sunday, we shall make no progress—we may as well give up the cause." Sometimes we see that, with full and regular service, little or no apparent progress is made. A parish will remain for years with very little advance; and yet the population of the town has increased, and its affluence also. Now, beloved brethren, do the laity of our churches generally do a full half of their duty towards giving strength to the blessed work of the Gospel in and through the Church? I cannot but have fears for the end, which sooner or later they must certainly reach. The help given from Missionary and other resources is in the expectation of increase and hope of self-support, and not for the encouragement of unaspiring indifference, and a churchmanship that denies zeal and knows only a *habit* of cool conformity, and greater readiness to receive than willingness to do and give for itself and others.

Dear brethren, my life is, beyond all question, not far from its final and most solemn scenes,—and what I say comes from a man, who, must soon give an account of what he is, of what he has said, and of what he has done, and who believes that his counsel now should be well weighed by those who hear him.

And in this spirit let me say, here is a question which has often come up in my mind: Have I ever known a person who really injured himself or his family by his earnest life as a Christian, or his liberality to religion and the Church? Such a person it has not been my lot to know. But, O, how many have I known, who will mourn in eternity that they did so little! I affectionately entreat all who are here present, and all who shall read or hear this Address, which, for various reasons, I wish may be read in all our Churches, to think most seriously of this matter. Too much thought cannot be given to it. I beg it may be considered by those who now pay five, ten, or fifteen dollars for religion and the Church, whether they cannot employ their hands or arrange their business so as to pay forty or fifty dollars.

I submit to the Convention whether it is not time for us to be preparing a fund, or means in some form, for the relief of aged and disabled clergymen and their families, as well as of the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen? We have a corporation, "The Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church," (of which P. C. Freeman, Esq., of Claremont, is Treasurer), every way competent to hold and manage such a fund. And its avails, as accruing, may be applied as the Convention shall direct. May I request our clergy and churches to regard this as one of their standing and regular occasions for calling to action the sentiments of Christian benevolence and sympathy?

I desire, my brethren, again to recommend to your confidence and to your more affluent liberality the "Society for the Increase of the Ministry." You cannot over-estimate the importance of this Society to the growth and strength of the Church. Of those, who in these times are willing to yield up all ambition and hope of thrift in

worldly pursuits, and to devote themselves to the sacred ministry, a large proportion are entitled to help, and must have it, or else be kept back a long time from the field, which needs their labor at the earliest possible day, and at the early dawn even of that. No Diocese in our country has anything like a full supply of laborers for the harvest field.

I beg my brethren, clerical and lay, to excuse the plain earnestness of my remarks and recommendations in these few concluding paragraphs. By the blessing of God our cause is now in a way of most happy and encouraging advancement. May our labors in it, under the impulse of a faithful spirit, be marked with thoughtful wisdom and patient energy. I pray that an affectionate, fraternal spirit may give life to the hearts and hands of all.

Since the last meeting of this Convention two more of our Bishops have died and gone to render up their account to God,—which, we cannot doubt, they will do "with joy and not with grief." The death of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Elliott, Bishop of Georgia, was the instant end of an apparently perfect state of health. His removal is a great loss to the whole Church. The death of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Rutledge, Bishop of Florida, was the end of long continued and most painful sufferings. He was a man whom we all loved and honored, but whose singular modesty kept him from engaging much in speech and action out of his own Diocese.

CARLTON CHASE.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Hubbard, it was ordered that so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the preparing of a fund for the relief of aged and infirm clergymen and their families, be referred to a committee of three, with instructions to report during the present session.

The chair named as the committee so ordered, the Rev. Dr. Coit, the Rev. Dr. Hubbard, and Mr. Albert R. Hatch.

The Rev. Dr. Hubbard, in behalf of this Committee, subsequently offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention measures ought speedily to be taken, as suggested by our Bishop in his Address, to provide a fund for the relief of aged and infirm clergymen of this Diocese.

Resolved, That for the purpose of establishing such a fund and increasing it to an extent which will ensure its usefulness, it be hereby recommended to all Rectors and parishes in the Diocese to make a collection annually, on Whit-Sunday (or such other Sunday as the Rector may deem proper), for this purpose; and that it be urged upon the people as a sacred obligation to provide for those who have worn out or broken down in the service of Christ and his Church.

Resolved, That all moneys thus raised be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New-Hampshire, to be by him invested as the Trustees may deem expedient, and kept as a separate fund for the purpose specified; and that the Bishop and Standing Committee be hereby authorized to draw on such fund to an amount not to exceed one half the sum contributed during any one year for this purpose, until the fund accumulated shall

reach $20,000, after which they be left to their own discretion as to the propor tion of the income annually appropriated.

These resolutions being put to the vote were adopted.

It was then ordered that 600 copies of the journal of this Convention be printed.

The Finance Committee, by the Rev. Dr. Herrick, presented the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Finance report that they have examined the Treasurers vouchers and find them correct. They would recommend to the Lay Delegates to pay the assessments before leaving Convention, according to the custom of this Diocese, thus relieving the Treasurer of much labor and expense. The assessments for the Bishop's Fund are the same as last year. Those for expenses have been raised to meet a deficiency of last year.

The Committee report the following assessments:

	Expenses.	Bishop's Salary.
St. John's Church, Portsmouth, (including tythes)	$28.00	$180.00
Union Church, Claremont, (including tythes)	14.00	100.00
Trinity Church, Claremont,	12.00	80.00
St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	8.00	40.00
St. Paul's Church, Concord,	12.00	65.00
Trinity Church, Cornish,	2.00	15.00
St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	2.00	5.00
St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	2.00	5.00
Grace Church, Manchester,	8.00	40.00
St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	3.00	10.00
St. Luke's Church, Nashua,	6.00	15.00
St. James' Church, Keene,	7.00	15.00
Grace Church, Laconia,	1.00	5.00
Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge,	5.00	15.00
St. Philip's Church, Epping,	2.00	5.00
St. Stephens' Church, Pittsfield,	2.00	5.00
St John's Church, Walpole,	2.00	5.00
St. Luke's Church, Charlestown,	3.00	10.00
Christ's Church, Exeter,	2.00	
St. Matthew's Church, Goffstown,	2.00	
St. Paul's School,		100.00
Treasurer of Donations,		200.00
	$123.00	$915.00

M. A. HERRICK, *for the Committee.*

On motion, the business of the Convention was suspended that the members might attend the meeting of the Board of Missions.

[In the Board of Missions, the Treasurer presented his report, which will be found in the Appendix. The Rev. Francis Chase was then re-elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Board.]

The Board of Missions having adjourned, the business of the Convention was resumed.

On motion of Mr. Briggs, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rector and congregation of St. John's Church, Portsmouth, for their liberal hospitality to both the clerical and lay delegates to this Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Hubbard, from the Board of Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New-Hampshire, then read the following statement, which was ordered to be entered on the journal.

STATEMENT.

The undersigned, having been appointed by the Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New-Hampshire, to make a statement to the Convention of the property held in trust by that Board, the mode of its investment, &c., in accordance with a resolution of the Convention making such a statement obligatory, would report as follows:

That the funds committed to its keeping at present, are of two kinds.

First: Those derived from Church lands lying within the State, bestowed in colonial times upon the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts."

Secondly: Those in form of legacy for specific objects.

Of the former, or funds derived from lands of the Propagation Society, the whole amount now in the hands of the Board, as I derive from the report of its Treasurer for the past year, is $759.69.

This sum, he remarks, "is amply secured by mortgage of real estate, and can be collected for appropriation on short notice." In other words, this sum being all the missionary funds in the hands of the Trustees, though amply secured, is held in readiness, and, when required, can promptly be placed in the hands of the authorities of the Diocese. And here it is proper to say, that this amount is a part of the fragments of a property lying in various townships, which once constituted a munificent endowment of the Church in this Diocese. These fragments have been gathered up since the incorporation of this Board.

Those who wish for further and ample information as to the history of the much larger portion of these funds, are referred to the report of a Committee of the Convention published in the Diocesan Journal of 1855.

Suffice it to say in general, that only a small proportion of the whole was recovered by legal proceedings and transferred to the keeping of the "Trustees of Donations," an incorporated body belonging to the Old Eastern Diocese, of which New-Hampshire then formed a part. The interest of the funds in their hands is now and has been annually available for the current missionary uses of the Church in this Diocese. The remainder has been consumed by peculation, absorbed in the bankruptcy of agents, or diverted from its original intention for parochial endowments.

The funds of the second class consist now solely of a legacy of the Rev. Dr. Sprague, late of Drewsville, the interest of which goes to his sister during her life, and is at her decease to be appropriated to the support of the Church in Hanover. The whole amount of this legacy was originally about $5000, including $1000 of Rutland Railroad Bonds, at the time of Dr. Sprague's decease, and for some years thereafter, a good deal below par, and yielding no interest.

The remainder of the fund, about $4000, was loaned, on what was regarded as ample security by bond and mortgage, the property being of a manufacturing character, situated in the village of Claremont. Some time after the borrower failed and the property came into the hands of the Trustees by foreclosure. During several years this also proved unremunerative, and the Trustees were unable, as required by the will, annually to pay the interest of the fund to the legatee. During the past year, however, a sale has been effected of this property, and also of the railroad bonds, by the Treasurer, P. C. Freeman, Esq., in such manner as to pay all the arrearages of interest, expenses, &c., and fully restore the fund to its original proportions.

The amount of this fund now in the hands of the Board is $5082.21. Of this $1000 is invested in New-Hampshire six per cent. bonds, and $4000 secured on bond and mortgage.

The above statement is respectfully submitted,

I. G. HUBBARD.

Mr. George G. Ide offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Standing Committee is hereby requested to inquire what action can be taken by the Convention in reference to providing schools for the Christian education of the children of parents of limited means, and to report to the next Convention. Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Ide,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the several rail-road corporations who have kindly furnished free return tickets to the members of this Convention.

The Bishop of Maine kindly made an address on taking leave, for which the Rt. Rev. President returned thanks in behalf of the Convention.

There being no further business, after prayers by the Bishop of the Diocese, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

Attest: JOSEPH H. COIT, *Secretary pro tem.*

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, NASHUA.

C. INGLES CHAPIN, RECTOR.

JOHN HINTON, J. P. S. OTTERSON, } Wardens. F. O. MONROE, Clerk. H. A. MARSH, Treasurer.

Baptisms: infants, 5; adults, 2; total, 7. Communicants, about 50. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 6. Burials, 9. Easter offering for Diocesan Missions, $23.75; Bishop's salary, $15; Communion and other offerings, about $40; for payment of debt on organ, $150.

The Rector is able to find no reliable record from which to make a full report. His rectorship dates only from May 1st. The financial report given is for the three months ending May 31.

WARDENS' REPORT.

The Wardens of St. Luke's Church respectfully report that the value of the church property, including the organ, is about $3500. The salary paid the officiating minister the past year was $800. The indebtedness of the Parish is about $200, mostly for the organ. Property insured for $2500.

JOHN HINTON, J. P. S. OTTERSON, } Wardens.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CHARLESTOWN.

REV. FRANCIS CHASE, RECTOR.

PORTER SPENCER, GEORGE OLCOTT, } Wardens. GEORGE OLCOTT, Clerk and Treasurer.

Baptisms: children, 4; adults, 6; total, 10. Confirmed, 4. Communicants: number last reported, 34; added by removal, 4; added anew, 5; lost by death, 1; present number, 44. Marriage, 1. Burials, 3. Sunday School: teachers, 7; scholars, 45. Offerings for parochial purposes, $21; Communion alms, 60.28; Missions: Diocesan, $30,05; Domestic, $32.13; Foreign, $6.43; Protestant Episcopal Freedmen's Commission, $19.56; Extra, $8.19; total, $177.64.

Besides the above contributions, the ladies of the parish, aided by some kind friends from without, have got together quite a little fund for the enlargement of the church building. Plans and specifications for that purpose have also been procured, and will be put in hand as soon as we can see our way clear. The Rector is happy to say that the zeal of his little flock seems in no wise to abate. They are industrious in promoting, not only the temporal but the spiritual prosperity of the Church. The Sunday School, with its effective corps of faithful teachers, is doing a very excellent work in training up Christians who will both be able to give a reason for the faith that is in them, and be willing to live as Christians should. We do not see regularly at the Lord's table as many communicants, in proportion to the number on our list, as we would be glad to see; but considerable reason for this is found in the fact that one third of them live at distances varying from one to six miles from the church, while others who have their homes in the village, are away during a great portion of the time.

WARDENS' REPORT.

Value of property, $3500. Of this sum $500 is money raised for the purpose of enlarging the church. Salary paid to the Rector, $700. Indebtedness, none. Of the Rector's salary, $550 is derived from the rental of pews, $80 from the Propagation right in the town, and the remaining $70 from the Ladies' Sewing Society.

PORTER SPENCER, GEORGE OLCOTT, } Wardens.

CHAPEL OF ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL.

REV. HENRY A. COIT, D. D., RECTOR.

Baptisms: infants, 3. Confirmed, 12. Communicants: number last reported, 45; added by removal, 6; added anew, 5; lost by removal, 9; lost by death, 1; present number, 46. Burials, 1. Sunday School: the Rev. Hall Harrison, Superintendent, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Hargate, and Messrs. Wheeler and Douglas. Scholars, about 36. Contributions: Diocesan Missions, $25; Domestic Missions, $25; St. Stephen's Parish, Pittsfield, N. H., $325; Mission at Exeter, $50; Mission at Dunbarton, $500; Mission at Goffstown, $20; Mission at Conway, $10; Mission at Hanover, $137; Mission of Rev. J. T. Clarke, Talcott, Va., $50; Church at Warwick, N. J., $10; Bishop Randall, for Colorado, $50; Rev. Dr. Wells, for St. Stephen's Mission, Boston, $50; Society for the Increase of the Ministry, $35; Freedmen's Aid Commission, $25; Southern Relief Fund, $40; Bishop's salary, $100; Orphans' Home, $149.31; total, $1601.31. During the past year a convenient house with several acres of land attached, has been secured for an Orphans' Home, in the immediate vicinity of the School, to be held in trust for the interests of the Church in this Diocese. There are eleven destitute children at present provided for in the Home, under the care of a Matron, who is a communicant of the Church. The institution is still in its infancy, but gives good promise of permanence and success. It has been liberally aided with contributions of money, provisions and clothing, by friends in the neighborhood, in Concord and other places.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH.

REV. THOS. FREDERICK DAVIES, RECTOR.

ALBERT R. HATCH, CHRISTOPHER C. JACKSON, } Wardens. JOSHUA W. PEIRCE, Treasurer. JOHN W. FERNALD, Clerk.

Baptisms: infants, 22; adults, 11; total, 33. Confirmed, 22. Communicants: added by removal, 13; added anew, 6; lost by removal, 24; lost by death, 3; present number, 221. Marriages, 15. Burials, 30. Sunday School: teachers, 26; scholars, 182. Contributions: Silver alms basins for the church, $168; Communion and other alms for poor, $318.96; Sufferers by fire in Portland, $225; Diocesan Missions, $100; Christ Church, Exeter, $132; A friend of the Church in New-Hampshire for Exeter, $200; Society for Increase of Ministry, $40.50; Collection for Bishop's salary, $66; Freedmens' Commission, $25; St. Philip's Church, Epping, $20; Domestic Missions, $115.25; Bishop Randall, for Colorado, $167; Bishop Whipple, for Minnesota, $100; Bishop Armitage, for Wisconsin, $125; Nashotah, $50; Foreign Missions, $137.85; Sunday School offerings, $40; other charities, $45; total, $2075.56. Of which sum $445 was from the Ladies' Missionary Society of St. John's Church.

WARDENS' REPORT.

The Wardens of St. John's Church respectfully report, that the value and condition of the property of the Church remains substantially the same as last year. The salary of the Rector is raised by taxation of the pews in the church and the estates of the parishioners. The debt of the Church is a little increased since

the last Convention; the means of liquidating it are taxation and the subscriptions of the parishioners.

ALBERT R. HATCH, C. C. JACKSON, } Wardens.

Portsmouth, May 29, 1867.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CONCORD.

REV. J. H. EAMES, D. D., RECTOR.

HORACE A. BROWN, CHAS. S. EASTMAN, } Wardens. ABEL HUTCHINS, Clerk. J. H. ALBIN, Treasurer.

Baptisms: adults, 4; infants, 18; total, 22. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 7. Burials, 5. Communicants, 175. Sunday School, 125. Contributions: Freedmens' Commission, $20; Foreign Missions, $28; Missions in the Diocese, $41; to the destitute at the South, $178; Parish poor and other charities, $153.31; Orphans' Home, childrens' gift, $125; sufferers by fire in Portland, $1000; total, $1545.31.

WARDENS' REPORT.

Church building and appurtenances valued at $20,000, in good condition. Rector's salary, $1500; other annual expenses, about $800. These sums are raised by voluntary subscriptions and monthly collections from the congregation. There still remains a parish debt of a few hundred dollars.

HORACE A. BROWN, CHAS. S. EASTMAN, } Wardens.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, DOVER.

REV. GEORGE G. FIELD, RECTOR.

WM. HALE, CHARLES A. TUFTS, } Wardens. JOHN J. DUXBURY, Clerk. WM. HALE, Treasurer.

Baptisms: infants, 1; adults, 2. Confirmed, 6. Communicants: number last reported, 112; added anew, 7; lost by removal, 1; revised list, 106. Marriages, 7. Burials, 4. Sunday School: teachers, 15; scholars, 75, including two Bible classes. Contributions: Domestic Missions, $28.16; Foreign Missions, $40; Diocesan Missions, $50; Bishop Whipple, $15; Sunday School offerings for Bishop Clarkson, $30; Society for Increase of Ministry, $10; Southern Relief fund, $10; for Parish Sunday School, $18; Ladies' Society, $359; Communion alms, $72.95. The present Rector commenced his duties the second Sunday in Advent, 1866.

WARDENS' REPORT.

Value of property, $5950. Rector's salary, $1000; raised by subscription. Indebtedness, none. The temporal condition of the parish is satisfactory.

WM. HALE, CHAS. A. TUFTS, } Wardens.

Dover, N. H., May 20, 1867.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WALPOLE.

REV. FREDERIC S. FISHER, RECTOR.

B. P. SPAULDING, GEO. HUNTINGTON, } Wardens. GEO. G. BARRETT, Clerk. Dr. HIRAM WOTKYNS, Treasurer.

Baptisms: infants, 3; adults, 3; total, 6. Confirmed, 4. Communicants: number last reported, 22; added by removal, 10; added anew, 3; lost by removal, 2; lost by death, 1; present number, 32. Burials, 3. Contributions: Diocesan Missions, $3; Bishop's salary, $6; Convention assessment, $1; Parochial purposes and other objects, $45; total, $55. I have little else to add. Services have been held in this village every Sunday, as well as on the principal holy days.

GRACE CHURCH, MANCHESTER.

REV. WILLIAM J. HARRIS, RECTOR.

JOEL TAYLOR, JOHN CAYZER, } Wardens. — HORATIO FRADD, Clerk. GEO. A. FRENCH, Treasurer.

Baptisms: infants, 14; adults, 2; total, 16. Confirmed, 7. Communicants: added by removal, 12; added anew, 4; total, 16; lost by removal, 4; lost by death, 4; total, 8; present number, 122. Marriages, 8. Burials, 14. Sunday School: teachers, 15; scholars, 115; total, 130. Contributions: Communion alms, $156; Monthly collection in church, $81; Sunday School, $71; Ladies of the parish, $365; total, $673; which, with $1400 realized from rent of pews, makes $2073, raised for religious purposes during the year. This sum has been appropriated as follows: Diocesan Missions, $30; Domestic Missions, $20; Foreign Missions, $20; Sunday School of the parish, $63; Bishop's salary, $40; Salary of Rector, $1000; Surplice and gown, $80; interest on debt, $120; Parochial charities, $31; other objects within the parish, $669. Of the amount contributed by the Sunday School, $50 has been given as the nucleus of a fund for erecting a Sunday School Building.

The Parish has had a fair share of general prosperity during the year. Congregations at the regular services of the Church have been good, and the Sunday School has been well attended. On the afternoon of the third Sunday in the month the children of the Sunday School have been brought together near the Chancel, and after Evening Prayer, in the responses and singing of which they have borne the chief part, the Rector has catechized them "openly in the church," and reads them a brief address. This service has been an interesting one, and has always been attended by a large number of adults.

WARDENS' REPORT.

The property of the Parish consists of the Church and lot, valued at $12,000; organ and furniture of the church, valued at $1000; and the Rectory, valued at $3000; amounting in all to $16,000. The church, organ, and furniture are insured for $5000, and the Rectory for $1200. There remains a debt on the church of $2000, and a floating debt of $650. Amount received for rent of pews, $1400.

JOEL TAYLOR, JOHN CAYZER, } Wardens.

CHRIST CHURCH, EXETER.

REV. JAMES HAUGHTON, RECTOR.

H. D. BATCHELDER, S. B. SWETT, } Wardens. — L. L. HUBBARD, Clerk. C. E. HARRIS, Treasurer.

Baptisms: infants, 7; adults, 9. Confirmed, 13. Communicants: number last reported, 10; added by removal, 5; added anew, 13; lost by removal, 2; present number, 26. Burials, 2. Sunday School: teachers, 6; scholars, 28. Contributions for Parochial purposes, $117.73; Communion alms, $67.63; Easter Offering for Domestic Missions, $12; for church building: in hand, $4000; subscribed, $4000.

The Treasurer's report testifies to the effectiveness of the weekly offertory (that more than cleared the church expenses,) to the generous interest of churchmen at large in this station, and to her own skill and activity. Under her zealous and experienced leadership the ladies have within the year bought and paid for a suitable lot, upon which the work of building is already beginning. What cannot one soul, given to the work, effect? Men's gratitude is not the object in view, but the Diocese, and churchmen of every part, loving true education, or trusting their sons here at school, should know what an able ally the cause has at Exeter.

The Rector's engagement dates from Trinity Sunday, his residence in the town from August 1st. The results must remain at present in great measure untraced. The seats are free; the place of worship unattractive, small, and difficult of ac-

cess. The audience is consequently very unstable. Yet growth is manifest on all hands, and some of it we can lay our hands on, especially among that large class who have of late years neglected Christian worship altogether. And in Phillips Academy of those confirmed, five were students in the Academy.

The new church will probably be completed before Christmas.

TRINITY CHURCH, SANBORNTON BRIDGE.

M. A. HERRICK, RECTOR.

ASA P. CATE, BRADBURY T. BROWN, } Wardens. CHARLES C. ROGERS, Clerk. J. F. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

Baptisms: adults, 15. Confirmed, 29. Communicants: number reported last year, 53; present number, 77. Marriages, 3. Burials, 3. Sunday School: teachers, 6; scholars, 40. Contributions for Parochial purposes, $27; for Sunday School, $32; Offertory, $15.40; Diocesan Missions, $10; Domestic Missions, $8.

TRINITY CHURCH, CLAREMONT.

REV. J. MILTON PECK, RECTOR.

CHARLES M. BINGHAM, ARNOLD BRIGGS, } Wardens. ARNOLD BRIGGS, Clerk. HENRY PATTEN, Treasurer.

"Families and adult persons," 133. Communicants: added, 23; died or removed, 22; present number, 160. Baptisms: children, 8; adults, 4; total, 12. Confirmations, 20. Marriages, 7. Burials, 7. About eighty of the children of the Parish are catechised "openly in the Church," and eleven of the communicants assist regularly in their instruction. Volumes in the Parish and Children's Libraries, 415. The Offerings received in the church amount to $1070.39, including the children's offering of $18.46; earnings of the Parish Aid Society, $230.47; and receipt for a bell given by two communicants. Of this amount there have been appropriated, for improvements and furniture in the church, parish expenses, and expense upon the Parsonage, $274.08; for the Libraries, $67.33; for Church work in Exeter, $31; in Goffstown, $20; Diocesan Missions, $36.36; Domestic Missions, $36; Nashotah, $30; P. E. Freedmen's Commission, $44; the Bell, $531.62.

Besides these regular offerings, the pew-rents are offered in church on one Sunday in each quarter, of which the Parish Treasurer takes charge and account. A voluntary subscription has also been made in the parish of $92.25, for the encouraging Church movement in Goffstown, making in all, as the contributions of this parish for the work of Diocesan Missions, $179.61. A report of the Ladies' Parish Aid Society, shows as the result of its three years existence, earnings to the amount of $1153.11; of which $552.91 has been devoted to work upon the church building and parish expenses; church furniture, children's festivals, and the libraries, $200; parsonage, various expenses, and on hand, $400.20. A number of persons await confirmation.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KEENE.

REV. EDWARD A. RENOUF, RECTOR.

T. B. KITTREDGE, W. P. WHEELER, } Wardens. D. H. WOODWARD, Clerk. T. B. KITTREDGE, Treasurer.

Baptisms: infants, 4; adults, 4; total, 8. Confirmed, 1. Communicants: number last reported, 54; added by removal, 4; added anew, 1; lost by removal, 8; lost by death, 1; present number, 50. Marriages, 9. Burials, 7. Sunday School: teachers, 8; scholars, 54. Contributions for Parochial purposes, $811; Communion Alms, devoted to parochial purposes, $99.63; Diocesan Missions, $29.05; Domestic Missions, $16; Foreign Missions, $22.88; Bishop's Fund and Convention expenses, $20. In our Sunday School, with a balance

from last year of $12.95, and the contributions of the present year $12.75, we have the sum of $25.70. Deducting the expenses of the School $13.03, we have a balance of $12.67. Our annual Sunday School celebration at Christmas was unusually pleasant, from the fact that the singing was exclusively by the children. Among the extra contributions were about $23, for the Christmas Sunday School Festival; for P. E. Freedmen's Aid Society, $10; for the Parish Library, $11; with several books from members of the congregation; also a chestnut book-case for the Parish Library, valued at $15, from the wife of the Rector. Two dollars have been given to the Rector, to purchase tracts for distribution. We are indebted to the liberality of the Hon. W. P. Wheeler, for the gas fixtures of the church, amounting to $475, which should have been noted in a previous report.

The Ladies' Parish Aid Society report as the avails of the Strawberry Festival of last summer, the sum of $258. They have paid the balance due on the Sedilia $200; also for a Lectern $75. The Sunday School was twice publicly catechized during the year. A class is preparing for confirmation at the expected visit of the Bishop after the Convention. The Bishop visited us on Advent Sunday and confirmed one person. Owing to an accident to the eye of the Rector, disqualifying him temporarily from public duties, the Rev. Dr. Hubbard, of Claremont, has kindly rendered to the parish his valuable services during the month of May.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, HOPKINTON.

REV. WM. SCHOULER, JR., RECTOR.

Baptisms: infants, 1; adults, 1. Communicants: number last reported, 39; lost by removal, 3; lost by death, 1; present number, 35. Burials, 2. Sunday School: teachers, 3; scholars, 24. Contributions: for Parochial purposes, $8.49; (?) Communion Alms, $34.51; (?) Diocesan Missions, 5; Domestic Missions, $16.97; Foreign Missions, $15.45; towards Sunday School Library, $10.98; other contribntions, $11.69.

There is not much of special interest to record. The Parish is greatly indebted to the kind friends who have provided us with a font, which is simple, chaste and beautiful. I might also add that a new Bible has been presented by the Sunday School.

A few missionary services are now being undertaken within the limits of the town, and at points remote from the village of Hopkinton. One service has been held in the Academy at Contoocookville. I trust that the efforts which are being made will be productive of spiritual blessing in awakening interest among the indifferent, commending the Church's ways, and calling out missionary zeal on the part of our own people.

UNION CHURCH, WEST CLAREMONT.

REV. HENRY S. SMITH, RECTOR.

SOLON C. GRANNIS, ALONZO THOMAS, FREDERICK JONES, } Wardens.

HENRY A. REDFIELD, Clerk and Treasurer.

Baptisms, 1 infant. Confirmations, 2. Communicants: last reported, 40; added, 5; 3 by removal; died, 1; removed, 7; present number, 37. Marriages, 1. Burials, 7. Sunday School: teachers, 3; scholars, 15. Contributions: Alms, $7; Diocesan Missions, $5; Domestic Missions, $5; extra: Donation to Rector, $50. The organ reported to last Convention as being about to be placed in the church, is now in its place, and with sub-base added, is said, by visitors whom we suppose to be competent judges, to discourse good music with the aid of a small voluntary choir of young persons. But we expect there will soon be a dispersion among them; for this has long been the fate of the members of Union Church—dying or removing. Of the former, the Rector has been called, within 30 years, to every house in the parish from one to four times, to consign them to the grave. To quote from a church paper: "Its old members have at last

nearly all died, and the young gone away. The parish has, as my city cousin who called the other day from Philadelphia said to me, gone to sleep long ago. Well you might ask, has a Church a right to go to sleep?" "The old parish" is made to answer this question, by the same writer, in the negative, for he says, "the few that kneel in those great square pews and confess their sins of a Sunday morning with good Father Whitcomb, mean to keep the old church open and the sweet old bell swinging until the last shall have slept with his Fathers." The church is indeed old, having been built before the United States became a nation; but the bell and organ are new, the latter one year old, the former a few years.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, PITTSFIELD.

REV. D. F. SMITH, RECTOR.

BENJAMIN EMERSON, R. P. J. TENNEY, } Wardens. E. O. SANDERSON, Clerk. E. JENKINS, Treasurer.

Value of church lot and buildings thereon, $3250. Organ, $500. The above property is in good condition. There is no debt against the Parish. The sum of $300 was loaned on six pews which the Parish may redeem at any time within five years from February, 1864. The salary of the Rector is $700, partly paid from pew rents, subscription, and partly from missionary sources.

BENJAMIN EMERSON, R. P. J. TENNEY, } Wardens.

Pittsfield, May 27, 1867.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, EPPING.

REV. T. G. VALPEY, MISSIONARY.

R. B. DAME, JAS. B. PEARSON, } Wardens. CHAS. H. NORRIS, Clerk. GEO. E. LAWRENCE, Treasurer.

Baptism, 1 infant. Communicants: number last reported, 15; present number, 15. Sunday School: teachers, 7; scholars, 31. Collections: for Bishop's salary, $7; Domestic Missions, $6; Diocesan, $9.30; Sunday School, $4.55; Parish purposes, $31.07; total, $57.65.

St. Paul's School, June, 1867.

WARDENS' REPORT.

The property of the Parish consists of the church, lot and furniture, valued at $3500, in good condition and free from debt. It gives us great pleasure to state that we have purchased and paid for an organ and set of lamps during the past year. Salary of Rector paid by rent of pews and missionary aid. To our Rector we are deeply indebted for his great kindness and untiring efforts in our behalf.

R. B. DAME, J. B. PEARSON, } Wardens

ST. Philip's Parish, Epping, June, 1867.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, HANOVER.

At the close of September, 1866, Rev. Dr. Bourns, who had held services at this church from the organization of the Parish, in connection with his duties at Norwich, Vt., gave up his mission here. By the kindness of the Bishop and some of the neighboring clergy of the Diocese, a minister officiated every other Sunday during the autumn and early winter, there being Lay Readings on the alternate Sundays. Since the beginning of Lent, Rev. A. B. Flanders has held service with us every Sunday. We trust to be able to retain his services this year. Baptisms: adults, 4. Confirmations, 7. Communicants: present number, 28; removed, 2; added, 3. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Sunday School: teachers, 5; scholars, 35. Contributions: Parochial uses, $69.29; Diocesan Missions, $10.20.

THOS. R. CROSBY, A. B. CROSBY, } Wardens.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, DREWSVILLE.

[ABSTRACT.]

The Rev. Geo. W. Porter, D. D., of New York, reports, that he has officiated during the greater part of the year in this church. The Rev. Lea Luqueer, of the same Diocese, occasionally assisted. The attendance on divine service has been good indeed. The Sunday School consisted of thirty children, under competent teachers. The Sunday School Library has received an addition of fifty volumes. There have been seven baptisms and one funeral. The Holy Communion has been administered on the first Sunday in each month and on Christmas day. The people are now engaged in making some very important repairs and alterations on and in the church. An excellent spirit prevails. Dr. Porter officiated a number of times with good congregations in Paper Mill Village, Alstead. It is thought that a parish there might, with St. Peter's, Drewsville, support a clergyman. Dr. Porter suggests, that Drewsville offers a most favorable place for a Church School. Suitable buildings for the purpose can be obtained on easy terms.

May 29, 1867.

Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, Bishop of the Diocese of New-Hampshire:

RIGHT REVEREND SIR: During the past year I have officiated at one funeral in Cornish. This is the only service I have held. During the past season Trinity Church, Cornish, has been made much more commodious by lowering the backs of the pews, and re-arranging them so as to exclude the old square pews and to secure a broad centre alley from the door to the chancel. When the church building is in suitable order, it is probable that arrangements will be made by the Vestry to have occasional services held in it during the coming summer season.

MALCOM DOUGLASS,
Rector of St. Paul's Church, Windsor, Vt.

Windsor, Vt., May 19, 1867.

RT. REV. AND DEAR BISHOP: During the greater part of the past Conventional year, I have been entirely unfit for active duty in the ministry. I have followed the advice of my physicians in endeavoring to recover my health by out door life in the country. In this, I am happy to say, through God's blessing I have in good measure succeeded, and I hope ere long to be engaged in parochial work. I have officiated during the year, one Sunday at Hanover, one at Woodstock, Vt., two at Springfield, Vt. I have on several occasions assisted in the Holy Communion and performed other services in Trinity Church, Claremont. I have attended a funeral in North Charlestown, and recently I have conducted the services and preached four Sundays in succession for the Rev. Mr. Renouf, of Keene.

I. G. HUBBARD.

The undersigned respectfully reports that during the past year he has continued in the discharge of his duties in St. Paul's School. He has also held services in Dunbarton on most of the Sundays of the year, in the afternoon. He is happy to state that the church which is building at this station is nearly finished. We have been indebted to the kindness of Mr. John Ray, of Dunbarton, for the use of the rooms in which the services have been held.

J. H. COIT.

St. Paul's School, May 28, 1867.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL, Concord, May 22, 1867.

I respectfully report to the Bishop, that during the past year I have continued to perform my duties as an Assistant Master in St. Paul's School, taking my part

in the service of the chapel. I have also occasionally assisted my brethren in the ministry elsewhere in this Diocese, and in the Diocese of Maryland.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,

HALL HARRISON.

To the Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D.

The undersigned, as required by Canon, respectfully reports to his Bishop, that since the Convention of 1866, he has regularly assisted in the services of St. Paul's Chapel, and occasionally held services in other places of the Diocese. He has also, since the establishment of the "Orphan's Home," held a service there every Sunday morning, and taken charge of the religious instruction of the children.

The greater part of his summer holidays was spent in the White Mountain region, distributing prayer books and useful tracts. He arranged for and held divine service every Sunday as opportunity offered. On this pedestrian trip he was accompanied by Mr. John T. Wheeler, one of the Masters at St. Paul's School, whose zeal and valuable assistance deserves special mention.

JOHN HARGATE.

DOVER, May 25, 1867.

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR: From the period of the last Convention to the 24th of October, I was attached to the U. S. Frigate Sabine, and regularly performed my duties as Chaplain. I also frequently assisted the Rev. Dr. Hallom, at St. James' Church, New London, Conn. Since the date above mentioned, I have officiated eight or more Sundays at St. Thomas' Church, Dover, and several times at other parishes of this and the neighboring Diocese of Massachusetts. I presume my time of waiting orders is nearly expired, and that I shall soon be called to active duty either on the sea or on the land.

Very respectfully and truly yours,

THOMAS G. SALTER,
Chaplain U. S. Navy.

Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of N. H.

U. S. FRIGATE, SABINE, New London, Ct., May 28, 1867.

To the Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of New-Hampshire:

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR: I have the honor respectfully to report, that during the last Conventional year I have been engaged as follows: Until October, while waiting orders from the Navy Department, I officiated in various places, principally in the Dioceses of Western New-York and Connecticut. In October I entered upon my duties as Chaplain of this ship, where on Sundays I have the full service with sermon, and a Bible Class, largely attended by the men and boys. On other days, morning prayers. My official acts have been 12 baptisms, 2 marriages, and 2 burials.

On Sunday, April 28, I presented 27 naval apprentices for Confirmation, which rite was administered on board ship by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Williams, of the Diocese of Connecticut.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WM. A. HITCHCOCK,
Chaplain U. S, Navy.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Towns.	Parishes.	Rectors.	Baptisms.			Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday Schools.		Missionary Contributions.			Other contributions for religious purposes.
			Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Added.	Died or removed.	Present number.				Teachers.	Scholars.	Diocesan.	Domestic.	Foreign.	
Nashua,	St Luke's,	Rev. C. Ingles Chapin,	5	2	7			50	8	6	9			$23.75			$205.00
Charlestown,	St. Luke's,	Rev. Francis Chase,	4	6	10	9	1	44	4	1	3	7	45	30.05	$32 13	$6.43	109.03
Concord,	Chapel of St. Paul's School,	Rev. Henry A. Coit, D. D.,	3		3	11	10	46	12		1	4	36	25.00	25.00		1551.31
Goffstown,	St. Matthew's,	Rev. Southard Compton,															
Portsmouth,	St. John's,	Rev. Thomas F. Davies,	22	11	33	10	27	221	22	15	30	26	182	100.00	115.25	137.85	1722.46
Concord,	St. Paul's,	Rev. James H. Eames, D. D.,	18	4	22			175	5	7	5	12	125	41.00		28.00	1476.31
Dover,	St. Thomas',	Rev. George G. Field,	1	2	3	7	1	106	6	7	4	15	75	50.00	28.16	40.00	514.95
Walpole,	St. John's,	Rev. Frederic S. Fisher.	3	3	6	13	3	32	4		3			3.00			52.00
Hanover,	St.Thomas',	Rev. Alonzo B. Flanders,		4	4	3	2	28	7	1	1	5	25	10.20			69.29
Manchester,	Grace,	Rev. William J. Harris,	14	2	16	16	8	122	7	8	14	15	115	30.00	20.00	20.00	2003.00
Exeter,	Christ,	Rev. James Haughton,	7	9	16	18	2	26	13		2	6	23		12.00		185.36
Sanbornton Bridge,	Trinity,	Rev. Marcellus A. Herrick, D.D.		15	15			77	29	3	3	6	40	10.00	8.00		71.40
Claremont,	Trinity,	Rev. John Milton Peck,	8	4	12	23	22	160	20	7	7			36.36	36.00		998.03
Keene,	St. James',	Rev. Edward A. Renouf,	4	4	8	5	9	50	1	9	7	8	54	29.05	16.00	22.88	943.38
Hopkinton,	St. Andrew's,	Rev. William Schouler, Jr.,	1	1	2		4	35			2	3	24	5.00	16.97	15.45	65.67
Claremont,	Union,	Rev. Henry S. Smith,	1		1	8	8	37	2	1	7	3	15	5.00	5.00		57.00
Pittsfield,	St. Stephen's,	Rev. Daniel F. Smith,															
Epping,	St. Philip's,	Rev. Thomas G. Valpey,	1		1			15				7	31	9.30	6.00		42.62
Walpole, (Drewsville,)	St. Peter's,	Vacant,			7						1		30				
Cornish,	Trinity,	Vacant,															
Plainfield,	Grace,	Vacant—no report.															
Holderness,	St. Mark's,	Vacant—no report.															
Laconia,	Grace,	Vacant,—no report,															
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DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

HORACE A. BROWN, TREASURER,

1866. IN ACCOUNT WITH THE BISHOP'S FUND. Dr.

May 30.	To balance in hands of Treasurer,	$75.00
July 10.	Cash of St. James' Church, Keene,	15.00
Oct. 29.	" St. Philip's Church,, Epping,	5.00
1867.		
Jan. 14.	" Grace Church, Manchester,	40.00
Feb. 8.	" St. Luke's Church, Charlestown,	10.00
Feb. 8.	" St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	40.00
Feb. 21.	" St. John's Church, Walpole,	5.00
Mar. 7.	" St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	5.00
Mar. 21.	" St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	5.00
Apr. 3.	" St. John's Church, Portsmouth,	180.00
Apr. 9.	" St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield,	5.00
Apr. 22.	" St. Paul's Church, Concord,	65.00
Apr. 24.	" St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	10.00
Apr. 27.	" Treasurer of Donations, Boston,	200.00
May 11.	" Union Church, Claremont,	100.00
May 29.	" Trinity Church, Claremont,	80.00
May 29.	" St. Luke's Church, Nashua,	15.00
May 29.	" A gentleman,	100.00
		$955.00

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1866–7.	By paid Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, at sundry times, as per receipts,	$750.00
May 29.	Balance in hands of Treasurer,	205.00
		$955.00
Due from	Trinity Church, Cornish,	$15.00
"	Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge,	15.00
"	Grace Church, Laconia,	5.00
		$35.00

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. BROWN, Treasurer.

Concord, May 29, 1867.

DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

HORACE A. BROWN, TREASURER,

1866.	IN ACCOUNT WITH THE DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.	Dr.
May 30.	To balance in hands of Treasurer,	$6.00
May 30.	To cash of Grace Church, Manchester,	5.00
July 10.	" St. James' Church, Keene,	5.00
Oct. 12.	Extra journals sold,	50
Oct. 29.	To cash of St. Philip's Church, Epping,	2.00
1867.		
Jan. 14.	" Grace Church, Manchester,	1.00
Feb. 8.	" St. Luke's Church, Charlestown,	2.00
Feb. 8.	" St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	6.00
Feb. 21.	" St. John's Church, Walpole,	2.00
Mar. 7.	" St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	2.00
Mar. 19.	" Union Church, Claremont,	10.00
Apr. 8.	" St. John's Church, Portsmouth,	21.00
Apr. 9.	" St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield,	2.00
Apr. 22.	" St. Paul's Church, Concord,	9.00
Apr. 24.	" St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	2.00
May 29.	" Trinity Church, Claremont,	9.00
May 29.	" St. Luke's Church, Nashua,	4.00
		$88.50

1866.	CONTRA.	Cr.
Aug. 10.	Paid Wm. Butterfield, on account,	$14.00
Aug. 10.	Paid for postage,	1.50
1867.		
Feb. 1.	" "	48
Feb. 7.	Express on General Convention Journals,	60
Mar. 21.	Paid Herman Cope, Treasurer of General Convention,	15.75
May 27.	Paid Wm. Butterfield, on account,	40.00
	Balance in hands of Treasurer,	16.17
		$88.50

Due from	Trinity Church, Cornish,	$2.00
"	Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge,	4.00
"	Grace Church, Laconia,	1.00
"	St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	1.00
		$8.00

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE A. BROWN, Treasurer.

Concord, May 29, 1867.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

FRANCIS CHASE, TREASURER,

1866.	IN ACCOUNT WITH THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.	Dr.
June 1.	To balance on hand,	$471.66
June 1.	To Convention offertory,	25.77
1867.		
May 29.	To contributions from the following Churches:	
	St. Thomas', Hanover,	10.28
	St. Paul's School,	25.00
	St. Thomas', Dover,	50.00
	St. Luke's, Charlestown,	30.05
	St. James', Keene,	29.05
	St. Paul's, Concord,	41.00
	St. John's, Portsmouth,	100.00
	St. Luke's, Nashua,	23.85
	Christ, Exeter,	12.00
	St. John's, Walpole,	3.00
	St. Andrew's, Hopkinton,	6.00
	Trinity, Claremont,	36.36
	St. Stephen's, Pittsfield,	6.00
	St. Philip's, Epping,	9.30
	Grace, Manchester,	30.00
	Union, West Claremont,	5.00
	Trinity, Sanbornton Bridge,	10.00
	St. Matthew's, Goffstown,	5.00
	To collection at Missionary Sermon,	41.33
	Bank dividends,	17.18
		$987.83

1866.	CONTRA.	Cr.
June 1.	By paid Rev. Dr. Herrick, Bishop's order,	$75.00
July 2.	Rev. Dr. Eames, " "	10.00
Oct. 29.	Rev. Dr. Porter, " "	36.00
Nov. 5.	Rev. J. M. Peck, " "	19.65
Nov. 5.	Rev. Dr. Hubbard, " "	5.00
Nov. 28.	Rev. Dr. Herrick, " "	75.00
1867.		
Mar. 12.	Rev. F. S. Fisher, " "	75.00
May 13.	St. Peter's, Drewsville, Bishop's order,	75.00
		$370.65
	Balance on hand, May 29,	$617.18

SUNDAYS RECOMMENDED FOR SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.

Easter Sunday—For Diocesan Missions. White Sunday—For aged and infirm Clergy Fund.

NOTICE.

The Sixty-eighth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Hampshire, will be held in Trinity Church, Claremont, on the last Wednesday in May, 1868, at 9 o'clock A. M.

HORACE A. BROWN,
Secretary of the Convention.

Concord, June, 1867.

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT.

Rev. ——— ———, Rector.

——— ———, } Wardens. ——— ———, Clerk.
——— ———, } ——— ———, Treasurer.

Baptisms—Infants, - - - - - - - - - - -
Adults, - - - - - - - - - - -
Confirmed, - - - - - - - - - - -
Communicants—Number last reported, - - - - - -
Added by removal, - - - - - -
" anew, - - - - - - - -
Lost by removal, - - - - - - -
" death, - - - - - - - -
Present number, - - - - - - -
Marriages, - - - - - - - - - - -
Burials, - - - - - - - - - - -
Sunday School—Teachers, - - - - - - - - -
Scholars, - - - - - - - - -
Contributions for Parochial purposes, - - - - - - - $
" Communion Alms, - - - - - - - $
" Missions—Diocesan, - - - - - - - $
Domestic, - - - - - - - $
Foreign, - - - - - - - $
Extra, - - - - - - - - $

CERTIFICATE OF LAY DELEGATES.

At the Annual Parish Meeting of ——— Church of ———, on the ——— day of ———, [inst. or inst.,] A— B—, C— D—, and E— F—, were duly elected Delegates to the Convention of this diocese, to be held at ———, on ——— next, and G— H—, I— K—, and L— M—, were also chosen as substitutes.

(Signed,) ——— ——— *Parish Clerk.*

[Or *Rector* or *Warden*, as the case may be.]

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IN THE

DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

HELD IN

TRINITY CHURCH, CLAREMONT,

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 1868.

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CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

MAY 27, 1868.

Rt. Rev. CARLTON CHASE, D. D., residing in Claremont.
Rev. J. DOWNING BERRY, D. D., residing in Portsmouth.
Rev. C. INGLES CHAPIN, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Nashua.
Rev. FRANCIS CHASE, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Charlestown.
Rev. HENRY A. COIT, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's School, Concord.
Rev. JOSEPH H. COIT, Vice Rector of St. Paul's School, Concord.
Rev. SOUTHARD COMPTON, D. D., of St. Matthew's Church, Goffstown.
Rev. ELIJAH H. DOWNING, Rector of St. Philip's Church, Epping.
Rev. JAMES H. EAMES, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Concord.
Rev. GEORGE G. FIELD, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Dover.
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Rev. THOMAS G. SALTER, Chaplain in the Navy of the United States.
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PROCEEDINGS.

TRINITY CHURCH, CLAREMONT,
Wednesday, May 27, 1868.

This being the day appointed by the Constitution for holding the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Hampshire, the Right Reverend Carlton Chase, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, with a number of the Clergy and Laity, assembled at Trinity Church, Claremont, agreeably to a resolution passed at the sixty-seventh Annual Convention of said Church, held at Portsmouth, May 29, 1867.

The first service connected with the Convention was held on Tuesday evening, when the Rev. William J. Harris preached the Annual Missionary Sermon; Evening Prayer being read by the Rev. Mr. Chapin and Rev. Dr. Eames.

The Convention was called to order on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, by the Rt. Rev. President, the Bishop of the Diocese.

The Bishop laid upon the Secretary's table a list of the Clergy of the Diocese, canonically members of the Convention, which being called, the following answered to their names and took seats in the Convention:

Rt. Rev. CARLTON CHASE, D. D.;
Rev. C. INGLES CHAPIN;
Rev. FRANCIS CHASE;
Rev. SOUTHARD COMPTON, D. D.;
Rev. ELIJAH H. DOWNING;
Rev. JAMES H. EAMES, D. D.;
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Rev. FREDERIC S. FISHER;
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Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, D. D.;

Rev. GEORGE W. PORTER, D. D.;

Rev. EDWARD A. RENOUF;

Rev. HENRY S. SMITH.

The certificates of Lay Delegates were presented and referred to a committee consisting of Rev. George G. Field, and Messrs. George Olcott and Charles A. Tufts, who subsequently reported the following persons as entitled to seats in the Convention.

St. Luke's Church, Nashua,.....	*Henry A. Marsh,
	*Franklin O. Munroe,
	Charles A. Putney.
St. Luke's Church, Charlestown,..	*Porter Spencer,
	*George Olcott,
	*Sanford H. Winter.
St. Matthew's Church, Goffstown,.	Philip Hart,
	Samuel I. Tenney,
	James Stiles.
St. Philip's Church, Epping,.....	George E. Lawrence,
	J. Warren Towle,
	Henry F. Hoyt.
St. Paul's Church, Concord,.....	*Franklin Low,
	*Horace A. Brown,
	*Charles S. Eastman.
St. Thomas' Church, Dover,.....	*Charles A. Tufts,
	Charles W. Woodman,
	John E. Bickford.
St. John's Church, Walpole,.....	*Hiram Wotkyns, M. D.,
	*George G. Barrett,
	Henry A. Griswold.
Grace Church, Manchester,.....	John Truesdale,
	John Cayzer,
	*Charles P. Campbell.
Christ Church, Exeter,.....	Hendrick D. Batchelder,
	Samuel B. Swett,
	Lucius L. Hubbard.
Trinity Church, Claremont,.....	*John S. Walker,
	*Arnold Briggs,
	*Charles H. Long.
St. Peter's Church, Drewsville,....	*Hope Lothrop,
	*Augustus F. Maynard,
	Charles Bond.

St. James' Church, Keene,.....	William B. Downer,
	*William P. Wheeler,
	Luther Fairbrother.
Union Church, Claremont,.....	*William Ellis,
	*Solon C. Grannis,
	Frederic Jones.
St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,....	*Thomas R. Crosby,
	*William H. Duncan,
	*Samuel W. Cobb.
St. John's Church, Portsmouth,....	Albert R. Hatch,
	John R. Reding,
	Lyman D. Spaulding.

The report was accepted, and the roll having been called, delegates present were admitted to seats in the Convention.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to choose a Secretary, and Mr. Horace A. Brown, of Concord, was declared re-elected.

Mr. Arnold Briggs offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That clergymen officiating in this Diocese, not canonically members of this Convention, and clergymen of other Dioceses, and candidates for Orders, who may be present, be admitted to seats in this Convention.

Under this resolution there were present the Rev. Malcolm Douglass and the Rev. Charles S. Hale, of the Diocese of Vermont.

The President appointed the following

COMMITTEES.

On Finance.—Rev. Francis Chase, Mr. Arnold Briggs, Hon. C. A. Tufts.

On Constitution and Canons.—Rev. Henry S. Smith, Rev. George G. Field, Mr. C. M. Bingham.

On New Parishes.—Rev. Dr. Eames, Rev. James Haughton, W. H. Duncan, Esq.

To nominate Standing Committee and Preachers for next Convention.—Rev. Dr. Herrick, Rev. Mr. Harris, Mr. Franklin Low.

On New Business.—Rev. Dr. Hubbard, Rev. Dr. Herrick, Wm. P. Wheeler, Esq.

To Prepare Report to General Convention.—The clerical members of the delegation.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Hubbard, the Reports of the Treasurer of the Convention and of the Bishop's Fund, were referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, further business was suspended till after Divine service.

Morning Prayer was read by Rev. Drs. Hubbard and Porter, and Rev. C. A. Renouf; the Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. James Haughton; the Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by Rev. Drs. Herrick, Hubbard and Eames.

After Divine service, the Convention re-assembled, and adjourned to 2.30 o'clock P. M.

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Met agreeably to adjournment, when the Bishop read his

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Beloved Brethren,

Members of this Convention:

In addressing the Convention of the Diocese of New-Hampshire, now for the twenty-fourth time without failure in any year, my mind is deeply impressed and solemnized when I consider how few are left of those whom I met in the sessions of the first seven or eight years. And when I visit our present churches, thankful indeed do I feel to that gracious Spirit which has given us many new congregations, and greatly increased numbers of those whose hearts and voices unite in approaching the Great Redeemer through the use of the book of Common Prayer. Though the fullness and animation of responses may, no doubt, still be much improved, it is delightful to think how increase of numbers and of Christian faith has given increased life and expansion of voices of prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. May improvements still go on.

In giving you an account of things during the last year, I gratefully ascribe all the praise for good done to the blessed presence of God in the faithful labors of my brethren. As to myself, age and infirmity have greatly disabled me.

Our last Convention met at Portsmouth, in St. John's Church. The sermon, which gave remarkable satisfaction to all who heard it, was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Hubbard. The usual business was transacted with our usual harmony, and with quite enough of despatch. I trust the present Convention will occupy the full time of two days.

May 30. I visited St. Paul's School, in Concord, and confirmed twelve persons, of whom all except one were members of the School. Previous to the solemn rite, I made an address. I have pleasure in stating here that a collection was taken up, amounting to $137, which was presented to me for St. Thomas' Church, Hanover.

June 22. I accepted a Letter Dimissory from the Bishop of Rhode Island, in favor of the Rev. Alonzo Buck Flanders.

June 24. After a day of almost crushing fatigue in travel, I, in

the evening, made a visitation of St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton, and confirmed two persons. It is with deep sorrow I think of the condition of this venerable old Parish. There was, however, on this occasion a good congregation, who showed a deep interest in the very excellent sermon delivered by Rev. Dr. Hubbard. I was pleased to see some new and appropriate ornaments, put up at the back of the altar, and to find the Church at last furnished with a beautiful Font of stone. I do not comprehend why this ancient Parish, possessing one of the best edifices in the Diocese, does not rise in numbers and in Gospel energy generally, to a position of happy enjoyment and prosperity with some of our more recently formed Parishes. In former times the Rev. Moses B. Chase was comfortably supported here for many years. Let the members of a parish consider themselves as bonded together, not merely to *constitute* a parish, but to *extend* and *strengthen* it; not merely to obtain the preaching of the Gospel themselves, but to gather in the community to hear the blessed words. Let a pastor go out and make familiar acquaintance with all the people of the town where he dwells. Give to people words of light and persuasion affectionately and patiently. That is the way for usefulness; and thus a parish will be sure to grow.

June 25. I attended the annual meeting of the Trustees of St. Paul's School. It was a meeting with which we all had the best reason to be more than satisfied. That noble institution of Dr. Shattuck's benevolence is in a condition of prosperity and usefulness most satisfactory, and nowhere exceeded. I think it well to mention here that the Trustees, in view of the state of the times, voted to raise the terms to $500 per annum.

June 26. With the Rev. F. Chase to act as a helper to myself and as an attendant Missionary, I visited St. Matthew's Church, Goffstown, and confirmed three persons, of advanced age. At this time the parish appeared to be doing well under the ministry of the Rev. Dr. Southard Compton. The foundation of a Church had been laid, and the work of construction was being pressed forward with zeal, and, so far as I then saw, with harmony. I shall have to refer to this parish again, and in terms of sorrow.

On the same day, at my request, the Rev. Thomas F. Davies laid the corner stone of Christ Church, Exeter.

July 3. Having the fullest confidence in the character and ability of the Rev. John F. Young, D. D., Bishop elect of Florida, I gave to the presiding Bishop my cordial consent to his consecration.

July 14. I visited St. James' Church, Keene, and confirmed five persons.

July 15. I received from the Bishop of New-York, notice of a very remarkable case of discipline—the deposition from the ministry of five persons at once—namely, David F. Lumsden and Robert C. Trivett, Presbyters; James B. Herrick, Edward C. Marshall and Duke C. Ormsby, Deacons.

July 17. I received, with much surprise and sorrow, intelligence

of the sudden death of the Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Scott, D. D., Bishop of Oregon. Consecrated in Savannah, January 8, 1854. His death took place in the city of New-York, on Sunday, July 14, at the age of sixty-two years.

July 22. I gave a Letter Dimissory to the Diocese of Vermont, in favor of the Rev. John M. Peck.

August 8. Notice from Bishop Green of the Deposition of Thomas B. Maury, Presbyter.

September 17. Notice of Deposition from the Ministry, by the Bishop of Virginia, of George T. Williams.

September 29. I visited St. Thomas' Church, Hanover. The Rev. Mr. Flanders read prayers. I was obliged to deliver my sermon sitting. Mr. Flanders was giving great satisfaction, and if means could have been found to retain him as Rector, the Church would unquestionably grow into strength and importance. Among the people we could not desire a more kindly and generous feeling.

October 4. In Trinity Church, Claremont, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Hubbard, Rector, I administered Baptism to my grandson.

October 8. In view of circumstances I thought it my duty to make Christ Church, Salmon Falls, a Missionary station, under charge of the Rev. George G. Field, with a stipend from Diocesan funds of $50. I trust that, with the help of Bishop Neely's people on the opposite side of Salmon Falls river, we shall yet be able to support a clergyman there.

October 13. The Rector being absent, I preached in Trinity Church, Claremont.

October 17. I have seldom engaged in a more beautiful and interesting service, than we had in the re-opening of St. Peter's Church, Drewsville. There were present the Rev. Drs. Hubbard and Porter, Rev. Messrs. Renouf, Chase, and Fisher, all of whom took parts in the service. The Sermon was delivered by Dr. Porter. Communion administered by myself and Dr. Hubbard. One person was confirmed. This is now most truly a beautiful Church. The interior has been entirely remodeled, under counsel of Mr. W. Pitt Wentworth, a true christian architect, late of Bellows' Falls, now of New-York. A few ladies and gentlemen are entitled to a very large measure of credit. The sum expended is about $2,100, and no debt remains.

November 2. I accepted from the Bishop of Massachusetts, a Letter Dimissory, in favor of the Rev. Elijah H. Downing, who became Rector of St. Philip's Church, Epping.

November 13. Notice from the ecclesiastical Authority of Pennsylvania, of the Deposition from the Ministry of John W. Leadenham.

November 21. To the Presiding Bishop I expressed my consent to the consecration of the Rev. Francis M. Whittle, as Assistant Bishop of Virginia.

Early in December I gave a Letter Dimissory to Western New-York in favor of the Rev. William A. Hitchcock, and one to Maine

in favor of the Rev. Daniel F. Smith. Also, I accepted a Letter from New-York in favor of the Rev. George W. Porter, D. D.

January 6. I gave my cheerful consent to the consecration of the Rev. John W. Beckwith, as Bishop of Georgia.

January 10. A mournful and most affecting event occurred in the American Church, in the death of the Rt. Rev. John Henry Hopkins, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Vermont, and President of the House of Bishops. His death was sudden, being occasioned by exposure in returning from official labors in Northern New-York. The funeral was on Wednesday, January 15. I am sorry to add, that ill health prevented my attendance.

January 22. I gave consent to the Rev. William Schouler, Jr.'s resignation of the rectorship of St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton. Also, I gave him a Letter Dimissory to the ecclesiastical authority of New-York.

February 26. It was with much sorrow I yielded my consent to the resignation of the rectorship of St. John's Church, Portsmouth, by the Rev. Thomas F. Davies. He has become rector of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia. I may as well add here, that under date of April 25, I gave him a Letter Dimissory.

Notice of Deposition from the Ministry, of John Nigles, by Bishop Whitehouse.

April 9. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Randall, at my request, confirmed ten persons in St. Luke's Church, Nashua.

The Rev. Mr. Chapin has labored here with an intense devotion to duty, and has done much to raise this Church out of the "Slough of Despond," into which it had unhappily fallen. It needs all the encouragement and all the invigorating influence which the sympathy of the Diocese can impart to it. The great sorrow has been, that, though the Parish has had several excellent pastors, no one has staid long enough to "lengthen his cords and strengthen his stakes." Mr. Chapin desires to work on in that interesting field. God grant that the people may do all they possibly can to support him and to gain strength by his labors.

April 27. Notice from Bishop Odenheimer of the Deposition of George H. Williams, Deacon. It is painful to have to record so many of these cases this year.

April 27. I gladly gave my consent to the consecration of the Rev. William H. A. Bissell, D. D., as Bishop of Vermont.

May 3—*Sunday*. In a most welcome visit to St. Paul's School in Concord, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Randall, at my request, held a confirmation, when thirteen persons received that sacred rite.

May 6. I visited Grace Church, Manchester. Divine service was held in the evening, and was attended by a large congregation. I confirmed ten persons. A sermon was preached by the Rev. F. Chase, who attended and assisted me in these visits. The Rev. Mr. Harris is evidently doing great good there. On his faithful labors plainly rests the blessing of God. One thing I learned with deep and painful regret, viz., that the building debt had not been wholly

extinguished. I pray God, and I pray the people, that this enfeebling embarrassment to both temporal and spiritual progress may not long continue. Let all who love the Church, lay themselves out for special earnings in their secular pursuits in order to discharge, as soon as possible, such obligations.

May 7. I visited St. Philip's Church, Epping. One person was confirmed. The Rev. E. H. Downing has been Rector of this Church since the first of November last. I am happy to say there is every appearance that both he and his interesting family have entered on their work with a zeal, sound judgment, and confidence in God, which cannot fail of accomplishing great and permanent good. I pray that the people may wake to a devoted and faithful use of their privileges and opportunities. I must refer to another thing. Mrs. Downing, a lady of high moral and intellectual accomplishments, of large experience and success in the work of education, has established in Epping a school for young ladies, in the management of which she will have all needed assistance. The income, added to that of the parish, it is believed, will secure the permanence of Mr. Downing's residence and pastoral relations. I desire to give this school my strong recommendation. Its terms are moderate.

May 8. I visited St. Thomas's Church, Dover, and confirmed five persons. The Divine blessing evidently rests on the labors of the rector and people of this Church. The work of the glorious Gospel of the grace of God is securely advancing. There is one disadvantage, which, I hope and pray may soon, in some way, be removed. The Church edifice is not large enough, nor have the people been able to obtain ground for its enlargement. It is the intention of the Rev. Mr. Field to hold divine service occasionally during the summer at Salmon Falls.

May 10—*Sunday.* In the evening of this day, at Exeter, I confirmed four persons. The sermon at this service was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Haughton, Rector; that in the evening by Rev. Mr. Chase. Since our last Convention, the people of this parish, with kind and most liberal help from friends of the sacred cause abroad, have added another to the beautiful Church edifices of our Diocese. By estimation, it will furnish seats for four hundred people. Not only is it commodious, but it is expressive of truth, and is instructive in every part. But there is a small remainder of building debt. I most earnestly hope that friends will appear who will cheerfully assist those good and self-denying people in discharging it. In such case, the consecration may take place in mid-summer.

May 17—*Sunday.* I confirmed one person in Trinity Church, Claremont. Occasion special.

May 25. I gave my approval of the resignation, by the Rev. E. A. Renouf, of the rectorship of St. James' Church, Keene.

May 26—*Evening.* I confirmed in the Church, in which we are now assembled, fourteen persons.

May 27. Rev. William R. Rogers has been deposed from the Ministry in Ohio.

The whole number of persons confirmed during the year is eighty-seven.

We have three candidates for Holy Orders—one of whom, Mr. Edward C. Gardner, trained for the ministry at Berkely Institute, Connecticut, will, at my request, soon be ordained with his class by the Bishop of Connecticut.

I have seen it stated in the newspapers that during the last summer—the visiting season as it is called,—a parish was organized by the visitors at the village of North Conway, in this Diocese. I have received no communication on the subject, and of course can give no information to this Convention. If a parish can be formed there, and its supply and continuance provided for, I shall most sincerely rejoice. The permanent residents of the place must be interested in it.

It will be remembered that a resolution was adopted a year ago requesting me to prepare a plan for Convocations of the Clergy, with a view to improvement in the work of Missions. On considering the relative locations of our parishes, it was thought best to have two convocations, to be called the Eastern and the Western, the line of division being the height of land between the Connecticut and Merrimack rivers. Of the Western, the Rev. Dr. Hubbard was appointed chairman, and the Rev. F. Chase secretary; of the Eastern, the Rev. T. F. Davies chairman, and the Rev. William J. Harris, secretary. Each Convocation has held two meetings, which appeared to do much good, strengthening the Clergy, and stirring up an interest in the minds of the people.

There is one subject, my brethren, which I refer to with deep sorrow. It is the case of our new parish at Goffstown. Since the early part of November last it has been in a state of most unhappy discord, which, so far as I can judge, had its public and chief beginning in unhappy differences between individuals; and in the Rector's suspending a lady from the Holy Communion in the *presence of the congregation;* a mode of proceeding new to me in the Church. She immediately appealed to me. Dr. Compton also made a statement. Afterwards, at his request, I appointed a Commission of Inquiry, according to Canon 15 of this Diocese, as respected the grounds of the suspension. It consisted of the Rev. Dr. Eames, and Messrs. H. A. Brown of Concord, and C. A. Tufts of Dover—all members of the Standing Committee, and Dr. Eames President of it. According to their report to me, after hearing both sides in the case, and exercising their best judgment, they did not, all things being reasonably considered, find sufficient grounds for the lady's suspension, and recommended that I restore her to the Communion. And I did restore her. Of the result I informed the Rev. Dr. Compton, soon after receiving it in February last. I must add, that since February his course has seemed to me singular—though I do not doubt that it has appeared to him just

and proper. He ceased, as he informed me, to do the duties of Rector, but refused to resign the office, though advised to do so. The Church edifice, it is reported, is almost completed, and if harmony and quietness should return to the parish, it will soon be ready for consecration. May God manifest His great power over the minds of all the people.

I turn to a more agreeable subject. Some here present will remember, that several years ago a most wealthy and benevolent lady in Philadelphia, Mrs. Burd, gave to St. Stephen's Church in that city, the means for founding and richly endowing an Asylum for the support and education of orphan daughters. The amount, if I rightly remember, was not less than a million and a half of dollars. The gift was most gratefully accepted, and measures were immediately commenced for carrying into effect the great, noble and most benevolent design. The Church in trust has been most faithful and successful in all its plans and labors. I refer to this subject for the purpose of introducing to your grateful attention a printed letter received by me on the 22d of July last, from the Rev. Wm. Rudder, D. D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church. I submit also the substance of my answer. The Convention will take such order as it thinks proper.

CARLTON CHASE.

The Secretary read as follows:

PHILADELPHIA, July 20, 1867.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:—"The Burd Orphan Asylum of St. Stephen's Church," a Charity founded some years since under the Will of the late Mrs. Eliza Howard Burd, of this city, is an Institution designed primarily for the children of persons who have moved in the better walks of life;—a class of the destitute upon whom, as I need not say, poverty falls with a far more crushing weight than upon those who have always been poor, and for whom, so far as I know, no special provision has been made elsewhere. With this design, the buildings and all their appointments and arrangements, within and without, are made to agree. The orphan daughter of the best person in the land might here enjoy a refined and comfortable home. By the Will of Mrs. Burd it is directed that the orphan daughters of the Clergy are to be preferred before all others. I write therefore to inform you of this fact, and to put you in possession of the conditions which children must fulfill in order to obtain admission to the Institution.

They must have been "baptised in the Protestant Episcopal Church."

By the term "Orphan" is meant "a child whose father is deceased, and whose mother remains a widow, or who may have lost by death both father and mother."

The children must be "of the age of not less than four years, and not more than eight years."

It may be added in regard to this last condition, that a petition in accordance with a permission of Mrs. Burd's Will, and which we have no reason to doubt will be granted, will be sent to the Legislature of the State, next winter, asking to have the limit of age extended to twelve years.

The children are educated, clothed, fed, and in every way provided for, until they are eighteen years of age. If they have any particular talent it is cultivated. It is intended that when they leave the Institution, they shall be able to take care of themselves.

Trusting, should any sad opportunity occur, that this noble Institution may be of service in your Diocese,

I am, Rt. Rev. and dear Sir,

Yours, very truly,

WILLIAM RUDDER,

Rector of St. Stephen's Church.

[ANSWER.]

CLAREMONT, August 23, 1867.

To the Rev. William Rudder, D. D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia:

DEAR SIR:—My state of health barely permits me to express imperfectly my grateful appreciation of the favor designed and offered in your letter of July 20. I shall be most happy to lay the matter before our next Diocesan Convention—which body, I am sure, will return you its most cordial thanks.

At present we have no orphan daughters of clergymen, needing the noble charities of your Institution. Should there be such, as in the providence of God there may be, we shall turn with grateful hearts to the privileges of the Burd Asylum.

May Heaven's blessing continue to rest upon yourself and others who are engaged in working out the benevolent designs of that distinguished Christian lady, Mrs. Burd.

Yours in the bonds of the Holy Gospel,

CARLTON CHASE, Bishop of New-Hampshire.

Whereupon, the Rev. Dr. Hubbard offered the following:

WHEREAS: There has been communicated to this Convention, in the Bishop's address, the generous proposal of the Rev. Dr. RUDDER, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia, to receive and educate gratuitously, at the Burd Asylum in that city, orphan daughters of the clergy of this diocese: therefore,

Resolved, That we cherish feelings of the deepest gratitude to God, and adore the power of that Divine Grace which moved the heart of the founder to establish this noble charity.

Resolved, That we cannot doubt but that occasions will arise in the providence of God, when this offer will prove a precious boon to some lamb of the fold of Christ.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to convey these reso-

lutions to the Rev. Rector of St. Stephen's Church, with assurances of the grateful Christian regard of this Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Renouf read a communication from the Rev. William S. Bartlett, of the Diocese of Massachusetts, as follows:

At the annual Convention of the Diocese of Massachusetts, holden on the 7th day of May, 1868, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, it is understood that the late Bishop Burgess prepared a list containing the name of every person admitted to Deacon's orders in the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, from the time of its establishment down to a comparatively recent date; and, *whereas*, the manuscript volume containing said list is now in the possession of the General Convention:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention it is highly expedient that a copy should be made of the volume named, that the chances of the loss of such valuable information may be diminished, and also that the record may be enlarged and edited, with a view to its ultimate publication.

On motion of the Rev. Wm. H. Brooks, D. D.,

Resolved, That the Church Registrar of this Diocese be instructed to petition the General Convention at its next session, for a loan to him of Bishop Burgess' manuscript volume for a length of time sufficient to allow of its being copied.

A true copy attest: JOSEPH H. CLINCH,
Secretary of the Convention.

South Boston, May 14, 1868.

The Rev. Mr. Renouf then offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Convention of New-Hampshire concur in the action of the Convention of Massachusetts, in reference to the petition of the Rev. W. S. Bartlett to the General Convention, to loan him the manuscript book of the late Bishop Burgess, containing a list of persons ordained to the Deaconate in the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Dr. Hubbard offered a resolution that a committee of three of each order be chosen to consider the relation of the Church to Common Schools, and report to the next Convention.

The resolution was adopted, and the following were chosen by nomination: Rev. Drs. Hubbard and Eames, Rev. C. Ingles Chapin, Messrs. William P. Wheeler, William L. Foster and T. R. Crosby.

Parochial and other parish Reports were presented, and ordered to be printed.

The Committee on Nominations reported, by Rev. Dr. Herrick, for

Standing Committee.—Rev. Drs. Eames, Coit and Herrick; Messrs. William L. Foster, Charles A. Tufts and Horace A. Brown.

For Delegates to the General Convention.—Rev. Drs. Hubbard, Eames, Coit and Rev. C. Ingles Chapin; Hon. Charles A. Tufts, William P. Wheeler, Arnold Briggs, Albert R. Hatch, Esqrs.

Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.—Rev. Drs. Coit and Eames, and William P. Wheeler.

And the several gentlemen proposed by the Committee, were chosen by ballot.

The Convention also chose by ballot the following as

Provisional Deputies.—Rev. George G. Field, Rev. James Haughton, Rev. Joseph H. Coit, Rev. Francis Chase; and Messrs. Wm. L. Foster, Franklin Low, Dr. Hiram Wotkyns, Charles S. Eastman.

The same Committee further reported that the next Convention be held in Grace Church, Manchester, and that the Rev. George G. Field preach the Missionary Sermon, and that the Rev. C. Ingles Chapin be his substitute; also, that the Rev. Dr. Porter preach the Convention Sermon, and that the Rev. Elijah H. Downing be his substitute.

On motion, the recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

On motion, *voted*, that when this Convention adjourns it be to 8 1-2 o'clock to-morrow morning. Adjourned.

Attest: HORACE A. BROWN, *Secretary.*

THURSDAY A. M., May 28.

After Morning Prayer, the Convention met pursuant to adjournment, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop in the chair.

In the absence of the Secretary, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Hubbard, the Rev. William J. Harris, of Manchester, was chosen Secretary, *pro. tem.*

The Committee on credentials certified to the election of Messrs. Albert R. Hatch, John R. Reding and Lyman D. Spaulding, as delegates from St. John's Church, Portsmouth.

The Rev. Francis Chase, on behalf of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Finance report that they have examined the Treasurer's vouchers and find them correct. They recommend that the Parishes pay the assessments as early as possible, certainly before January, 1869. The quota of the General Convention expenses, which will be called for this year, renders it necessary to increase all these a little.

The Committee report the following assessments:

	Expenses.	Bish. Sal'y.
St. John's Church, Portsmouth, (including tithes,)	$35.00	$190.00
Union Church, West Claremont, (including tithes,)	16.00	100.00
Trinity Church, Claremont,	15.00	80.00
St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	11.00	40.00
St. Paul's Church, Concord,	17.00	70.00
Trinity Church, Cornish,	4.00	15.00
St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	4.00	7.00
St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	4.00	7.00
Grace Church, Manchester,	11.00	45.00
St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	4.00	10.00
St Luke's Church, Nashua,	9.00	20.00
St. James' Church, Keene,	9.00	20.00
Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge,	8.00	15.00
St. Philip's Church, Epping,	4.00	7.00
St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield,	4.00	7.00
St. John's Church, Walpole,	4.00	7.00
St. Peter's Church, Drewsville,	4.00	7.00
St. Luke's Church, Charlestown,	5.00	15.00
Christ Church, Exeter,	3.00	8.00
St. Matthew's Church, Goffstown,	3.00	7.00
St. Paul's School,		50.00
Treasurer of Donations,		200.00
	$174.00	$927.00

FRANCIS CHASE, *Chairman.*

The Rev. Dr. Eames then read the following

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

To the Sixty-eighth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Hampshire:

The Standing Committee of the Diocese, makes the following report of its transactions during the past year.

At the Annual Convention of the Diocese, held in St. John's

Church, Portsmouth, on the 29th day of May, 1867, the following gentlemen were elected the Standing Committee for the ensuing year:

Rev. James H. Eames, D. D.;
Rev. Henry A. Coit, D. D.;
Rev. Thomas F. Davies;
Hon. Charles A. Tufts;
Horace A. Brown;
William L. Foster.

The Committee was organized on the same day by the choice of Rev. James H. Eames, D. D., as President, and William L. Foster as Secretary.

During the year the Committee have signified their consent to the consecration of

Rev. Francis M. Whittle, as Assistant Bishop of Virginia;
Rev. John Freeman Young, D. D., as Bishop of Florida;
Rev. John Watrus Beckwith, D. D., as Bishop of Georgia;
Rev. Benjamin H. Paddock, as Bishop for the Missionary District of Oregon and Washington; and
Rev. William H. A. Bissell, D. D., as Bishop of Vermont.

The Committee have recommended to the Bishop Edward C. Gardner, for Deacon's orders.

WILLIAM L. FOSTER, *Secretary.*

Concord, N. H., May 25, 1868.

A ballot for Treasurer being ordered, Mr. Horace A. Brown, of Concord, was re-elected.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Herrick, it was ordered that 600 copies of the journal of this Convention be printed.

On motion of Mr. Tufts, a Special Committee was chosen by ballot, to investigate the affairs of Union Church, Claremont, as far as concerns certain funds held in trust by that Parish. The Rev. Francis Chase and Messrs. Franklin Low and Hope Lothrop were chosen such Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Renouf offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rector and congregation of Trinity Church, Claremont, for their liberal hospitality to both the clerical and lay delegates to the Convention. Adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Hubbard, the Convention then voted to resolve itself into Missionary Convocation.

After adjournment of the Board of Missions, the Convention resumed its sitting.

No business offering, it was voted to adjourn *sine die.*

WILLIAM J. HARRIS, Secretary *pro. tem.*

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CHARLESTOWN.

REV. FRANCIS CHASE, RECTOR.

PORTER SPENCER, GEORGE OLCOTT, } Wardens. GEORGE OLCOTT, Clerk and Treasurer.

Baptisms: infants, 2; adults, 4; total, 6. Communicants: number last reported, 44; added by removal, 6; lost by removal, 8; present number, 42. Marriages, 2. Burials, 2. Contributions: for Sunday School purposes, $14.93; for Church enlargement, cash, $74.23, pledges, $564.20; Communion alms, $51.98—Missions: Diocesan ($6.56 contributed at meeting of Convocation), $33.69; Domestic, $17; Foreign, $12; Freedmen's Commission, $12.22; Divinity School at Faribault, $18.15; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, $8.14; total, $806.54.

This Parish has been blessed with a very fair amount of prosperity during the past year. There is an increasing pressure for seats in church. The enlargement fund has increased to such an extent that we have contracted with carpenters to do the work during the coming season. Last summer a beautiful font of white marble was placed in the church by a lady, once a member of the parish, and always a friend to it. Removals have made serious changes in our communion list, and its increase is but slow; we think, however, that the influence of the church is gradually working in the community for good, and in God's time will bring forth abundant fruits.

WARDENS' REPORT.

Value of property, $4421.25. Of this sum $1421.25 is money raised for the purpose of enlarging the church, an increase from last year of $921.85. An additional sum of $639.20 has been subscribed toward the church enlargement, to be paid in as needed. Salary paid Rector, $700, derived as follows: from rent of pews, $518; Propagation right, $80; Ladies' Sewing Society, $102. No indebtedness. Property insured for $2000.

PORTER SPENCER, GEORGE OLCOTT, } Wardens.

CHAPEL OF ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL.

Baptisms: infants, 12; adults, 3; total, 15. Confirmed, 13. Communicants: number last reported, 45; added by removal, 4; added anew, 15; lost by removal, 8; lost by death, 3; present number, 53. Marriages, 1 (reported from St. Paul's Church, Concord). Burials, 7, of which 2 for St. Paul's, Concord, and 1 for

$49.57; Church in Gonstown, [illegible]
$30; Society for Increase of Ministry, $35; Christmas Festival, $68.38; Bishop's salary, $65.18; N. Y. Bible and Prayer Book Society, $5; Freedmen's Commission, $25; total, $998.19.

Since the last Convention the Parish Church has been repaired at a cost of $2500, giving accommodation to 140 additional worshippers. The late Rector resigned the charge of the Parish at Easter.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, EPPING.

REV. E. H. DOWNING, RECTOR.

JAS. B. PEARSON, } Wardens. E. H. DOWNING, Clerk.
HENRY F. HOYT, } GEO. E. LAWRENCE, Treasurer.

Baptisms: adults, 1. Confirmed, 1. Communicants: number last reported, 15; added by removal, 2; added anew, 1; lost by

removal, 2; present number, 16. Burials, 1. Sunday School: teachers, 7; scholars, 30. Contributions: Communion alms, $19.85; Childrens' Christmas Festival (including $6.66, contents S. S. boxes), $15.11; Missions: Diocesan, $12.58; Domestic, $7—$19.58; Parochial purposes (an individual contribution), $13; total, $67.54.

This report dates from the first Sunday of October last, when the present Rector began his ministration in the parish.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CONCORD.

REV. JAMES H. EAMES, D. D., RECTOR.

HORACE A. BROWN, FRANKLIN LOW, } Wardens. ABEL HUTCHINS, Clerk. J. H. ALBIN, Treasurer.

Baptisms: infants, 20. Marriages, 5; Burials, 7; Communicants, 175; Sunday School, 120; Contributions as follows: Increase of Ministry, $46.28; Orphan's Home, $43.85; Diocean Missions, $50; Domestic Missions, $40; Charitable purposes in parish, $95.65; children's gift to orphans, $25; total $300.78.

The above amount was received through the Offertory. Besides that, $205 have been given by one member of the parish for the windows in the Church of St. Matthew, Goffstown, and about $40 by other individuals toward the erection of the church.

This statement does not include donations made personally for other charitable and religious purposes.

In connection with this, as showing the condition of the parish, I would mention that about $3,500 have been raised for the purpose of procuring a chime of bells. This chime, consisting of nine bells, has been placed in the tower.

The bells were cast at Messrs. E. A. & G. K. Meneely's Foundry, West Troy, N. Y., and give the most perfect satisfaction. They are most effectively rung by FRANK EUGENE BROWN, the son of our esteemed Senior Warden, Horace A. Brown.

The three medium sized bells were given by the ladies of the parish, and the others were personal gifts from Mr. J. H. Pearson, Mrs. Eliza C. Davis, Mr. Edward L. Knowlton, Mr. Edward A. Abbott, and Mrs. William Butterfield. Each bell has its appropriate name and motto.

On account of ill health the Rector was obliged to be absent from the parish for nearly four months. During that time an arrangement was made by the parish to supply the services. To the clergymen of St. Paul's School, who supplied the services and did other parish work, we are much indebted and deeply grateful.

The parish was never in so flourishing a condition as at present. To supply the want of the people who are interested, or would readily become interested in the services of the church, we need another church edifice. Is there not some one of our commumi-

cants who can and will meet this want? A Church to be forever a *Free Church*, to carry out fully the *principles* and the *work* of the Church, would be a *glorious Memorial* to any one who has the means and the will to undertake it.

WARDENS' REPORT.

Church building and appurtenances, including a chime of nine bells, put in the present year, $23,000, all in good condition. Rector's salary, $1,500; other annual expenses, about $600. These sums are raised by voluntary subscriptions and monthly collections from the congregation. The parish is free from debt.

HORACE A. BROWN, FRANKLIN LOW, } Wardens.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, DOVER.

REV. GEORGE G. FIELD, RECTOR.

WILLIAM HALE, CHARLES A. TUFTS, } Wardens. JOHN J. DUXBURY, Clerk. WM. HALE, Treasurer.

Baptisms: infants, 6; adults 3. Confirmed, 5. Communicants: added anew and by removal, 8; lost by removal, 9; lost by death, 2; present number, 98. Marriages, 3; Burials, 5. Sunday School: teachers, 15; scholars, 70, including two Bible classes. Contributions: Domestic Missions, $80; Foreign Missions, $44; Diocesan Missions, $37; Disabled Clergymen, $34.46; Society for Increase of Ministry, $43; Freedmen's Commission, $40.26; Parish and Sunday School Libraries, $51; Convocation, $15.80; Communion alms, $17.22; Parish purposes, $293.17; Ladies' Society, $435.34.

A lecturn for preaching has lately been added to the appointments of divine service in the chancel, and a stone font, the gift of a gentleman not belonging to the parish, will soon be ready. During the past year the Ladies' Societies, as always, have been active and efficient; and it is but simple justice to add, that whatever may be the prosperity at any time awarded to this parish, a very large measure of it is due to the intelligent activity, the untiring industry, the unflagging zeal, and the generous liberality of the women of the congregation.

Last summer, the Church at Salmon Falls was repaired so as to save it from further spoliation by the elements, and several services were held with satisfactory results; but it was found expedient to intermit them through the winter.

WARDENS' REPORT.

Value of property belonging to the parish, $5,950; Rector's salary, $1,000, raised by subscription. Indebtedness, none. The temporal condition of the parish continues encouraging.

WILLIAM HALE, CHARLES A. TUFTS, } Wardens.

Dover, N. H., May 22, 1868.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WALPOLE.

REV. F. S. FISHER, RECTOR.

GEORGE HUNTINGTON, W. H. S. GRISWOLD, } Wardens. GEORGE S. BARNETTE, Clerk. H. WOTKYNS, M. D., Treas'r.

Baptisms: Infants, 2. Communicants: Number last reported, 32; added by removal, 2; present number, 34. Contributions: Parochial purposes, $29.41; Domestic Missions, $3; Diocesan Missions, $5.50; aged and infirm Clergy Fund, $3.35; Bishop's salary and Convention assessment, $7; total, $48.26. I have nothing else of interest to report.

GRACE CHURCH, MANCHESTER.

REV. WILLIAM J. HARRIS, RECTOR.

JOEL TAYLOR, JOHN CAYZER, } Wardens. HORATIO FRADD, Clerk. GEO. A. FRENCH, Treasurer.

Baptisms: Infants, 8; adults, 4; total, 12. Confirmed, 10. Communicants: added, 20; lost by removal, 8; lost by death, 4; total loss, 12; present number, 130. Marriages, 6. Burials, 11. Sunday School: teachers, 15; scholars, 125; total, 140. Contributions: offertory (weekly since Oct. 1), $375; Sunday School, $70; Ladies' Parochial Aid Society, $430; subscriptions to pay floating debt, $425; total, $1,300, which, with $1,550 realized from presents, makes $2,850, raised for religious purposes during the year. This sum has been appropriated as follows: Diocesan Missions, $35; Domestic Missions (including $25 from Sunday School for the *Missionary Army*, and $10 for the Church South), $75; Foreign Missions, $15; Sunday School of the parish, $90; assessment for Bishop's salary and Convention expenses, $48; salary of Rector, $1,000; Easter offering for Rector's family, $15; repairs on rectory, $162; floating debts, $775; interest on debts, $200; parochial charities, $55; other objects within the parish, $380; total, of other than Missionary contributions for religious purposes, $2,725.

WARDENS' REPORT.

The property of the parish consists of the Church and lot, valued at $20,000; organ and furniture of the Church, valued at $1,000; and the rectory valued at $4,000, an aggregate of $25,000. The Church, organ, and furniture are insured for $5,000, and the rectory for $1,200. There remains a debt on the Church of $2,000, and a floating debt of $250.

JOEL TAYLOR, JOHN CAYZER, } Wardens.

CHRIST CHURCH, EXETER.

REV. JAMES HAUGHTON, RECTOR.

H. D. BATCHELDER, S. E. SWETT, } Wardens. L. L. HUBBARD, Clerk. C. E. HARRIS, Treasurer.

Baptisms: Infants, 2; adults, 3. Confirmed, 4. Communicants: Number last reported, 26; added by removal, 2; added anew, 4; lost by removal, 3; present number, 29. Burials, 1. Sunday School: Teachers, 6; scholars, 40. Easter offering for Domestic Missions, $12.

The corner stone of the new Church was laid Wednesday afternoon, June 26, Rev. T. F. Davies, of Portsmouth, performing the ceremony and making an address. The Church was opened the Sunday before Christmas, Rev. Dr. Huntington of Boston, preaching morning and evening. Since that time the congregation has considerably increased. The seats being free, the members and the persons attending worship vary from time to time. Results are not easily traced, but the aggregate number to whom the Church utters her voice is certainly very large.

Aside from the Missionary Fund, the Church is supported through the offertory, by the envelope system, which was introduced the first Sunday in January.

The cost of the Church building was $10,600. Of this sum all but a few hundreds have been raised. The large window was presented by Miss C. E. Harris, as a Memorial. The chancel carpet and aisle carpets were also given, as were the Prayer Books and altar service. A Bible has been promised. The body of the Church is uncarpeted and the seats are unfurnished. A Mason & Hamlin Organ accompanies the music, which is congregational, led by the Rector and a Choir of students. Great progress has been made in this important respect since Easter. On that day the new bell was first heard. It was presented by Rev. Prof. Huntington of Trinity College, by St. Paul's School, and by the Rector of the parish. It cost, when hung, $448, weighs 928 pounds, is pitched b-flat, and is of pure bell metal, cast by Meneeley & Co., West Troy, N. Y. The tone is admired, being sweet and clear.

Two fairs have produced $553; the proceeds of the first being devoted to the Church building, those of the second going, with an offertory of $80, to buy the furnaces, which cost $260.

Externally, no parish could well have been greater prospered in a twelve-month than this. Its internal growth is in many respects in embryo. Everything has now to be done to form its future. But the basis of that future would seem firmly laid. The appointments of worship are new and chiefly paid for. The free system is established, the congregation gathering; congregational praise and prayer may here be *heard*, and many already have the warmth, patience and devotion of true churchmanship. Moreover, the attitude of the community at large is an interested one, and already impressions have been very widely produced that may reveal them-

selves hereafter. It cannot be denied that Exeter is an important point for Church effort. The atmosphere of the town, though hardly favorable, is one nevertheless quite capable of transmitting Church truth, and that very extensively and effectually. Consider that this has been a centre of culture for a century, that it possesses an Academy, inviting students from all parts of the United States, and the principal inlet to Harvard College; that a Female Seminary is now building, to rank with the first in the land, and it will be seen that, no matter what immediate local prosperity may come, this post should be well maintained. There should be no *stinting* here, and no thought of discouragement. At the present time there are twenty-three students regularly attending, coming from various parts of the Union, and bound mostly for Cambridge. The Church is in full sight of the Academy, and at evening service one may see perhaps ten, perhaps even thirty or forty boys present, many of whom never before attended our worship. Is the effect of this to be calculated, or to be despised?

TRINITY CHURCH, CLAREMONT.

REV. I. G. HUBBARD, RECTOR.

CHAS. M. BINGHAM, ARNOLD BRIGGS, } Wardens. ARNOLD BRIGGS, Clerk. HENRY PATTEN, Treasurer.

Families about 95. Baptisms: Infants, 13; adults, 9; total, 22. Confirmed, 15. Communicants: Revised list, August 1, 1867, 137; added by removal, 9; added anew, 16; total, 25; gain, 18; lost by removal, 4; lost by death, 3; total, 7; present number, 155. Marriages, 2. Burials, 10. Children in Sunday School, 85; teachers, 12. Contributions: To Church in Brandon, Miss., $25; to Society for Increase of Ministry, $51; Diocesan Missions, $30; Church in Hanover, $35; Church in Exeter, $30; Foreign Missions, $20; Aged and Infirm Clergy, $15; Sunday School to Nashotah, $12; books, tracts, communion elements, charity, &c., $50; total, $268.

The present Rector assumed the charge of the parish August 1, 1867, on the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Peck. Being in feeble health, he was unable for several months to do more than simply to perform the services on Sundays, and such parochial visiting as sickness or death rendered necessary. The field may therefore be regarded as having enjoyed a season of repose, during which it had been his endeavor to promote peace among his people, and to lay in quietness the foundations of future prosperity. He is able now by God's blessing to work with greater energy, and he relies with confidence upon the hearty support and co-operation of his parishioners in carrying out whatever plans may be requisite for the well-being of this portion of the Redeemer's Kingdom. The first duty seems

to be the liquidation of a debt incurred some time since for improvements in the Church edifice and for a parsonage.

WARDENS' REPORT.

The parish property consists of the Church edifice, valued at $11,000; Organ and Church furniture, $2,000; Rectory, $2,500; total property owned by the parish $15,500. Insurance on the Church and Organ, $3,500; on the Rectory, $1,000.

Indebtedness of the parish, $935 on the Church, and $1,225 on the Rectory; total, $2,160.

The Rector's salary is $1,000; other expenses, $320; amount received for pew rents, $1,200.

C. M. Bingham, Arnold Briggs, } Wardens.

Claremont, May 27, 1868.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, DREWSVILLE.

REV. G. W. PORTER, RECTOR.

Hope Lothrop, Augustus F. Maynard, } Wardens. Francis G. Drew, Clerk. Henry E. Putnam, Treas.

The Rectorship of the present incumbent dates from October 1, 1867. He was in charge of St. Peter's Church during the year ending with this date. During the spring and summer of the year 1867, the Church underwent much needed and extensive alterations and repairs, at a cost of about $2,500; which sum was raised within the parish and among friends formerly connected with the parish. The architectural plans for the alteration of the Church were furnished gratuitously by W. P. Wentworth of New-York, and the Memorial windows of stained glass, of which there are several very fine ones, were made by Gibson, of the same city. The Church is thoroughly and handsomely furnished, and both externally and internally presents a very pleasing, if not faultless appearance.

On the 17th of October last, in the presence of the Bishop, six of the clergy and a large congregation, the Church was re-opened for public worship. Since that date Divine services have been regularly maintained. The Sunday School embraces all the Protestant children of the village and vicinity. The Rector is Superintendent, aided by competent and faithful teachers. The Sunday School has done much good among the children and youth of the parish. The attendance upon Divine worship is uniformly good, though, alas, there are many in the region who never hear the glad tidings of the Gospel, and who neither countenance nor contribute towards the support of the institutions of religion.

Confirmations, 1. Funerals, 1. Communicants: Removed, 3; added, 3; present number, 18. Communion alms, $40.49; Weekly offering, since Jan. 1, 1868, not including Communion alms, $15.16;

Diocesan Missions, $12.01; Foreign Missions, $5; for the relief of suffering in the Southern States, $10; New-York Common Prayer Book Society, $5; the poor, $9; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, $5; for parochial purposes, including repairs on Church, &c., about $2,600. There is no debt on the Church. The ladies of the parish have been zealous and indefatigable in raising funds for beautifying and furnishing the Church. The Memorial windows, one to a former Rector, Rev. Dr. Sprague, and another to Bishop Griswold, and a third in honor of Bishop Chase, having been purchased by them.

The Rector has, by request, officiated several times during the year in the neighboring village of Alstead, to large congregations. There are candidates for confirmation in the parish.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KEENE.

REV. EDWARD A. RENOUF, RECTOR.

T. B. KITTREDGE, M. D., Hon. W. P. WHEELER, } Wardens. D. H. WOODWARD, Clerk. T. B. KITTREDGE, Treas'r.

Baptisms: Adults, 2; infants, 3. Confirmed, 5. Communicants: number last reported, 49; added by removal, 1; added anew, 3; lost by removal, 2; lost by death, 1; present number, 50. Marriages, 5. Burials, 5. Sunday School: Teachers, 7; scholars, 41. Contributions: for parochial purposes (Sunday School and Christmas Festival), $28.17; Communion alms, $74.27; Diocesan Missions, $22.48; Domestic Missions, $23.65; Foreign Missions, $18.72; Disabled Clergymen, $16.68; Bishop's Fund and expenses of Convention, $22; Convocation of Western New-Hampshire, $5.47; P. E. Freedmens' Commission, $14.50.

Gas burners have been introduced within the chancel, affording additional light, which, at times was much needed, at an expense of $53.50.

The Rector has resigned the parish, with the approbation of the Bishop. The resignation takes effect on and after Whitsunday, May 31, 1868.

WARDENS' REPORT.

The Church edifice and other property is valued at $19,000, and is supposed to be in good condition. Insurance, $5,000; parish debt, $6,000; receipts of the Treasurer for the year, including balance of last year, $926.79, all of which was the proceeds of pew rents, except the sum of $66.87, the balance of Sunday collections not specially appropriated. The expenses of the parish have been $844.99, besides the interest on the debt.

The St. James' Church Charitable Fund of $50, which was a thank offering from the wife of the Rector, has an accumulation of

interest of $7.46, none of which has been expended. The nature and object of this fund were explained in the report of the Rector for 1866.

THOS. B. KITTTEDGE, } Wardens.
WM. P. WHEELER, }

Keene, May 26, 1868.

UNION CHURCH, WEST CLAREMONT.

REV. H. S. SMITH, RECTOR.

S. C. GRANNIS, }
A. THOMAS, } Wardens. H. P. SHEDD, Clerk and Treas'r.
J. TYLER, }

Baptisms: infants, 2; adults, 3. Communicants: last reported 35; added, 2; died, 2; present number, 35. Marriages, 4. Burials, 5. Sunday School: teachers, 3; scholars, 15. Contributions: alms, $6.33; Diocesan Missions, $4.50; Domestic, $5; to Society for Increase of Ministry, $4.10; extra donations to Rector, $75. Last winter the rector was unable for several Sundays to discharge his duties, by reason of ill health; but since Good Friday, has conducted the services in church, by the aid of his son reading the lessons and portions of Morning Prayer, and who, I have some reason to hope, will in due time enter the ministry of the Church. There is a small class awaiting confirmation.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, PITTSFIELD.

REV. THOMAS G. VALPY, MISSIONARY.

BENJAMIN EMERSON, } Wardens. E. O. SANDERSON, Clerk.
R. P. J. TENNEY, } E. JENKINS, Treasurer.

Value of church lot and buildings thereon, $3,250; organ, $500; all in good condition. The sum of $300 was loaned on six pews, which the parish may redeem any time within five years from February, 1864. Contributions: for Domestic Missions, $13; for Diocesan, $7; for other objects, $18.75.

BENJAMIN EMERSON, } Wardens.
R. P. J. TENNEY, }

Pittsfield, June, 1868.

The undersigned respectfully renders the following account of his missionary labors in different parts of the Diocese, since the last report up to date, July 1.

Having, after much effort, found a clergyman, the Rev. E. H. Downing, who would take permanent charge of the parish at Epping from the 1st of October, I resigned the care of it at that date,

having kept up the services of the Church there above two years, in connection with my duties as one of the Masters of St. Paul's School.

During the month of October, I officiated for St. Mark's Church, Holderness, on three different Sundays. It seemed sad that such a promising field could not be furnished with a resident clergyman. The people were very anxious and zealous that the Church there should be re-opened.

On the first Sunday in November, I assumed, by invitation of the Parish, temporary charge of St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, and have maintained services there when the weather would permit, till the present time, July 1, a period of eight months. On account of my labors at St. Paul's School during the week, I have not been able to do but little parochial work, being obliged to drive over to the parish and return to the school on Sunday, a distance of nearly forty miles. Yet the friends of the parish believe that much good has been accomplished and that the prospects for the growth of the Church in Pittsfield were never perhaps so encouraging as at the present time. There are several persons who would have been confirmed, had opportunity been presented during the year.

THOS. G. VALPY.

St. Paul's School, July 1, 1868.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, HANOVER.

W. A. MACK, Clerk. W. H. DUNCAN, Treasurer.

Baptisms, 8; adults, 2. Confirmed, none. Communicants: last reported, 28; lost by removal, 5; lost by death, 1; present number, 22. Burials, 1. Sunday School: teachers, 7; scholars, 35. Contributions: parochial uses, $200; Diocesan Missions, $6; Communion alms, $24.

T. R. CROSBY, } Wardens.
A. B. CROSBY, }

TRINITY CHURCH, CORNISH, AND GRACE CHURCH, PLAINFIELD.

I have administered the Holy Communion once in private, in the parish of Trinity Church, Cornish, N. H. I have been informed that the old parish Church, which has been repaired and refitted, will be made ready for use this spring. I hope that this may be done, so that occasional services at least may continue to identify the Church with the worship and service for which it was originally set apart. I shall endeavor to visit Plainfield this season and hold a service there occasionally.

I am, with great respect,

MALCOLM DOUGLASS,

Rector of St. Paul's Church, Windsor, Vt.

Windsor, Vt., May 25, 1868.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Towns.	Parishes.	Rectors.	Baptisms.			Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday Schools.		Missionary Contributions.			Other contributions for religious purposes.
			Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Added.	Died or removed.	Present number.				Teachers.	Scholars.	Diocesan.	Domestic.	Foreign.	
Nashua,*	St. Luke's,	Rev. C. Ingles Chapin,						†50									
Charlestown,	St. Luke's,	Rev. Francis Chase,	2	4	6	6	8	42		2	2			$33.69	$17.00	$12.00	$743.85
Concord,	Chapel of St. Paul's School,	Rev. Henry A. Coit, D. D.,	12	3	15	19	11	53	13	1	7	4	45	66.26	160.00		1637.26
Portsmouth,	St. John's,	Vacant,	30	4	34	24	29	216		20	20	22	175	77.05	62.00	37.61	821.53
Epping,	St. Philip's,	Rev. Elijah H. Downing,		1	1	3	2	16	1		1	7	30	12 58	7.00		47.69
Concord,	St. Paul's,	Rev. James H. Eames, D D.,	20		20			175		5	7	12	120	50.00	40.00		3955.78
Dover,	St. Thomas',	Rev. George G. Field,	6	3	9	8	11	98	5	3	5	15	70	37.00	80.00	44.00	960.19
Walpole,	St. John's,	Rev. Frederic S. Fisher,	2		2	2		34						5.50	3.00		39.76
Manchester,	Grace,	Rev. William J. Harris,	8	4	12	20	12	130	10	6	11	15	125	35.00	75.00	15.00	2725.00
Exeter,	Christ,	Rev. James Haughton,	2	3	5	6	3	29	4		1	6	40		12 00		1001.00
Sanboruton Bridge,*	Trinity,	Rev. Marcellus A. Herrick, D.D.						†77									
Claremont,	Trinity,	Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard,	13	9	22	25	7	155	15	2	10	12	85	30.00		20 00	218.00
Walpole, (Drewsville,)	St. Peter's,	Rev. George W. Porter, D. D.,				3	2	18	1		1			12.01		5.00	2583.00
Keene,	St. James',	Vacant,	3	2	5	4	3	50	5	5	5	7	41	22.48	23.65	18.72	161.09
Claremont,	Union	Rev. Henry S. Smith,	2	3	5	2	2	35		4	5	3	15	4.50	5.00		79.10
Pittsfield,	St. Stephen's,	Vacant,												7.00	13.00		18.75
Hanover,	St. Thomas',	Vacant,	6	2	8		6	22			1	7	35	6.00			224.00
Cornish,	Trinity,	Vacant,															
Plainfield,	Grace,	Vacant,															
Hopkinton,*	St. Andrew's,	Vacant,						†35									
Holderness,*	St. Mark's,	Vacant,															
Goffstown,*	St. Matthew's,	Vacant,															
Laconia,*	Grace,	Vacant,															
			106	38	144	122	97	1235	54	48	76	110	781	$399.07	$497 65	$152.33	15.216.00

* No report.

† Report of 1867.

DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

HORACE A. BROWN, Treasurer,

1867.	IN ACCOUNT WITH THE BISHOP'S FUND.	Dr.
May 30.	To cash on hand as per last report,	$205.00
Sept. 5.	of St. John's Church, Walpole,	5.00
Sept. 16.	St. James' Church, Keene,	15.00
Sept. 30.	St. Philip's Church, Epping,	5.00
Dec. 5.	St. John's Church, Portsmouth,	180.00
1868.		
Jan. 10.	St. Luke's Church, Charlestown,	10.00
Jan. 13.	Grace Church, Manchester,	40.00
Jan. 14.	St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	40.00
Jan. 28.	St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	5.00
Mar. 16.	Trustees of Donations, Boston,	200.00
Apr. 11.	St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	5.00
May 22.	St. Paul's Church, Concord,	65.00
May 26.	Trinity Church, Claremont,	80.00
May 27.	St. Luke's Church, Nashua,	15.00
May 27.	Rev. Dr. Coit,	100.00
May 27.	Trinity Church, Sanbornton, (for 1866,)	15.00
		$985.00

1867–8.	Contra.	Cr.
Paid Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, at sundry times as per receipts,		$704.00
Balance,		$281.00

Due from Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge,	$15.00
Union Church, Claremont,	100.00
Trinity Church, Cornish,	30.00
St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	10.00
*St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield,	5.00
	$160.00

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE A. BROWN, Treasurer.

Concord, May 27, 1868.

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* Paid.

DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

HORACE A. BROWN, TREASURER,

1867.	IN ACCOUNT WITH THE DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.	Dr.
May 29.	To balance on hand as per last report,	$16.17
May 30.	cash of St. Matthew's Church, Goffstown,	2.00
Sept. 5.	St. John's Church, Walpole,	2.00
Sept. 16.	St. James' Church, Keene,	7.00
Sept. 30.	St. Philip's Church, Epping,	2.00
Dec. 5.	St. John's Church, Portsmouth,	28.00
1868.		
Jan. 9.	Christ's Church, Exeter,	2.00
Jan. 10.	St. Luke's Church, Charlestown,	3.00
Jan. 13.	Grace Church, Manchester,	8.00
Jan. 14.	St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	8.00
Feb. 29.	Union Church, Claremont,	14.00
Apr. 11.	St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	2.00
May 22.	St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	3.00
May 23.	St. Paul's Church, Concord,	12.00
May 26.	Trinity Church, Claremont,	12.00
May 27.	St. Luke's Church, Nashua,	6.00
May 27.	Trinity Church, Sanbornton, (for 1866,)	4.00
		$131.17

1867.	CONTRA.		Cr.
Aug. 1.	Paid for postage stamps,	$2.00	
1868.			
Jan. 6.	for postage stamps and stationery,	1.00	
Jan. 23.	Wm. Butterfield on account,	75.00	
			$78.00
			$53.17

Due from Trinity Church, Cornish,	$4.00
St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	3.00
Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge,	5.00
*St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield,	2.00
	$14.00

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE A. BROWN, Treasurer.

Concord, May 27, 1868.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

FRANCIS CHASE, TREASURER,

1867.	IN ACCOUNT WITH THE BOARD OF MISSIONS,	Dr.
May 29.	To balance on hand,	$617.18
May 29.	Convention offertory,	63.29
Oct. 2.	Western Convocation,	6.56
1868.		
May 27.	To contributions from the following churches:	
	St. Peter's, Drewsville,	12.01
	St. Luke's, Charlestown,	27.13
	St. John's, Portsmouth,	77.05
	St. John's, Walpole,	5.50
	St. Paul's School, Concord,	66.26
	St. James', Keene,	22.48
	St. Thomas', Hanover,	6.00
	Christ Church, Exeter,	12.00
	St. Thomas', Dover,	37.00
	St. Philip's, Epping,	12.58
	Trinity, Claremont,	30.00
	St. Paul's, Concord, special for Hanover,	50.00
	Grace, Manchester,	35.00
	Union, West Claremont,	4.50
	St. Matthew's, Goffstown,	4.00
		$1,088.50

1867.	CONTRA.	Cr.
May 29.	By paid special contribution to Exeter,	$25.00
July 12.	Rev. T. G. Valpy,	50.00
July 12.	Rev. F. Chase,	7.95
Sept. 7.	Rev. Dr. Herrick,	100.00
Nov. 21.	Rev. Dr. Compton,	50.00
Nov. 21.	Rev. J. Haughton,	150.00
1868.		
Feb. 18.	Rev. Dr. Compton,	38.00
Apr. 1.	Rev. F. S. Fisher,	125.00
May 26.	Postage and express,	1.09
May 26.	Rev. F. Chase,	10.61
May 26.	St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	50.00
		$607.60
	Balance on hand,	$480.85

FRANCIS CHASE, Treasurer.

SUNDAYS RECOMMENDED FOR SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.

Easter Sunday—For Diocesan Missions. Whit-Sunday—For aged and infirm Clergy Fund.

NOTICE.

The Sixty-eighth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Hampshire, will be held in Grace Church, Manchester, on the last Wednesday in May, 1869, at 9 o'clock A. M.

HORACE A. BROWN,
Secretary of the Convention.

Concord, June, 1868.

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT.

Rev. ——— ———, Rector.

——— ———, } Wardens. ——— ———, Clerk.
——— ———, } ——— ———, Treasurer.

Baptisms—Infants, - - - - - - - - - - -
Adults, - - - - - - - - - - -
Confirmed, - - - - - - - - - - -
Communicants—Number last reported, - - - - - -
Added by removal, - - - - - -
" anew, - - - - - - - -
Lost by removal, - - - - - - -
" death, - - - - - - - -
Present number, - - - - - - -
Marriages, - - - - - - - - - - -
Burials, - - - - - - - - - - -
Sunday School—Teachers, - - - - - - - - -
Scholars, - - - - - - - -
Contributions for Parochial purposes, - - - - - - - $ ¢
" Communion Alms, - - - - - - $ ¢
" Missions—Diocesan, - - - - - - - $ ¢
Domestic, - - - - - - $ ¢
Foreign, - - - - - - $ ¢
Extra, - - - - - - - - $ ¢

CERTIFICATE OF LAY DELEGATES.

At the Annual Parish Meeting of ——— Church of ———, on the——— day of ———, [last, or inst.,] A— B—, C— D—, and E— F —, were duly elected Delegates to the Convention of this Diocese, to be held at———, on ——— next, and G— H—, I— K—, and L— M—, were also chosen as substitutes.

(Signed,) ——— ———, *Parish Clerk.*

[Or *Rector* or *Warden*, as the case may be.]

Diocese of New-Hampshire.

SIXTY-NINTH

ANNUAL CONVENTION.

1869.

JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTY-NINTH CONVENTION

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church,

IN THE

DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

HELD IN

GRACE CHURCH, MANCHESTER,

Wednesday, May 26, 1869.

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CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

MAY 26, 1869.

Rt. Rev. CARLTON CHASE, D. D., residing in Claremont.
Rev. ROBERT A. BENTON, Deacon, Master in St. Paul's School, Concord.
Rev. GEORGE W. BROWN, Rector of St. James' Church, Keene.
Rev. FRANCIS CHASE, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Charlestown.
Rev. RUFUS W. CLARK, JR., Rector of St. John's Church, Portsmouth.
Rev. HENRY A. COIT, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's School, Concord.
Rev. JOSEPH H. COIT, Vice-rector of St. Paul's School, Concord.
Rev. ELIJAH H. DOWNING, Rector of St. Philip's Church, Epping.
Rev. JAMES H. EAMES, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Concord.
Rev. FREDERIC S. FISHER.
Rev. JOHN HARGATE, Deacon, Master in St. Paul's School, Concord.
Rev. HALL HARRISON, Deacon, Master in St. Paul's School, Concord.
Rev. WILLIAM J. HARRIS.
Rev. JAMES HAUGHTON, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Hanover.
Rev. MARCELLUS A. HERRICK, D. D., Rector Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge.
Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Claremont.
Rev. THOMAS B. NEWBY, Missionary at North Conway.
Rev. SAMUEL P. PARKER, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Exeter.
Rev. EDWARD A. RENOUF, officiating at Drewsville, residing at Keene.
Rev. JOHN B. RICHMOND, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Dover.
Rev. THOMAS G. SALTER, Chaplain in the Navy of the United States.
Rev. HENRY S. SMITH, Rector of Union Church, Claremont.

OFFICERS OF THE DIOCESE.

Standing Committee. — Rev. JAMES H. EAMES, D. D., Concord, President; Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, D. D.; Rev. HENRY A. COIT, D. D.; WILLIAM L. FOSTER, Esq., Concord, Secretary; ALBERT R. HATCH, Esq.; Hon. CHARLES A. TUFTS.

Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New-Hampshire. — Rt. Rev. CARLTON CHASE, D. D., President; P. C. FREEMAN, Esq.; Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, D. D., Secretary; ASA P. CATE, WILLIAM P. WHEELER, WILLIAM L. FOSTER, GEORGE OLCOTT, Esqs.

Delegates to the General Convention. — Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, D. D.; Rev. JAMES H. EAMES, D. D.; Rev. HENRY A. COIT, D. D.; Hon. CHARLES A. TUFTS, WILLIAM P. WHEELER, ARNOLD BRIGGS, ALBERT R. HATCH, Esqs.

Provisional Deputies. — Rev. JAMES HAUGHTON, Rev. JOSEPH H. COIT, Rev. FRANCIS CHASE; WILLIAM L. FOSTER, Esq., Mr. FRANKLIN LOW, Dr. HIRAM WOTKYNS, Mr. CHARLES S. EASTMAN.

Board of Diocesan Missions. — THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, *ex officio*, Chairman, Claremont; Rev. FRANCIS CHASE, Secretary and Treasurer, Charlestown.

Trustees of the General Theological Seminary. — Rev. HENRY A. COIT, D. D., Rev. JAMES H. EAMES, D. D., WILLIAM P. WHEELER, Esq.

Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar of the Convention. — HORACE A. BROWN, Concord.

PROCEEDINGS.

GRACE CHURCH, MANCHESTER,
Wednesday, May 26, 1869.

This being the day appointed by the Constitution for holding the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Hampshire, the Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, with a number of the clergy and laity, assembled at Grace Church, Manchester, agreeably to a resolution passed at the sixty-eighth Annual Convention of said Church, held at Claremont, May 27, 1868.

The first service connected with the Convention was held on Tuesday evening, when the Rev. Rufus W. Clark, Jr., preached the Annual Missionary Sermon; Evening Prayer being read by the Rev. Messrs. Harris and Haughton.

The Convention was called to order on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, by the Rt. Rev. President, the Bishop of the Diocese.

The Bishop laid upon the Secretary's table a list of the clergy of the Diocese, canonically members of the Convention, which being called, the following answered to their names and took seats in the Convention:

Rt. Rev. CARLTON CHASE, D. D.;
Rev. GEORGE W. BROWN;
Rev. FRANCIS CHASE;
Rev. RUFUS W. CLARK, JR.;
Rev. HENRY A. COIT, D. D.;
Rev. JOSEPH H. COIT;
Rev. ELIJAH H. DOWNING;
Rev. JAMES H. EAMES, D. D.;
Rev. FREDERIC S. FISHER;

Rev. JOHN HARGATE;
Rev. HALL HARRISON;
Rev. WILLIAM J. HARRIS;
Rev. JAMES HAUGHTON;
Rev. MARCELLUS A. HERRICK, D. D.;
Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, D. D.;
Rev. SAMUEL P. PARKER, D. D.;
Rev. JOHN B. RICHMOND;
Rev. EDWARD A. RENOUF.

The certificates of Lay Delegates were presented and referred to a committee consisting of Rev. William J. Harris, and Messrs. George G. Ide and J. L. Nicholson, Jr., who subsequently reported the following persons as entitled to seats in the Convention:

St. James' Church, Keene,	*Simon G. Griffin,
	D. Henshaw Ward,
	Thomas B. Kittredge.
St. Luke's Church, Charlestown,	George Olcott,
	*Matthews W. Green,
	Luther R. Aldrich.
St. John's Church, Portsmouth,	*Albert R. Hatch,
	John R. Reding,
	*Lyman D. Spalding.
St. Philip's Church, Epping,	Robert B. Dame,
	*Henry F. Hoyt,
	J. B. Pearson.
St. Paul's Church, Concord,	*Horace A. Brown,
	Augustine C. Pierce,
	Charles S. Eastman.
St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	*Thomas R. Crosby,
	*J. L. Nicholson, Jr.,
	H. H. Clough.
Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge	*Charles C. Rogers.
Trinity Church, Claremont,	*George G. Ide,
	*Arnold Briggs,
	*John L. Farwell.
St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	*Charles A. Tufts,
	Ralph Hough,
	David Howcroft.
Grace Church, Manchester,	*Joel Taylor,
	*J. B. Bradley,
	*John Cleworth.

* Present.

St. Luke's Church, Nashua,.....Charles Cunningham,
John Hinton,
*J. P. S. Otterson.

St. Peter's Church, Drewsville,.....March Chase,
Henry E. Putnam.

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield,.....*Benjamin Emerson,
R. P. J. Tenney,
Hiram A. Tuttle.

St. Matthew's Church, Goffstown,.....William A. Hart,
*Rodney Johnson,
*Eliphalet Richards.

St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,.....Herman W. Green,
George W. Currier,
William Colby.

The report was accepted, and the roll having been called, delegates present were admitted to seats in the Convention.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to choose a Secretary, and Mr. Horace A. Brown, of Concord, was declared reëlected.

Mr. Arnold Briggs offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That clergymen officiating in this Diocese, not canonically members of this Convention, and clergymen of other Dioceses, and candidates for orders, who may be present, be admitted to seats in this Convention.

Under this resolution, there was present the Rev. George W. Porter, D. D., of the Diocese of Massachusetts.

The President appointed the following

COMMITTEES.

On Finance—Rev. Dr. Eames, Arnold Briggs, Esq., Hon. C. A. Tufts.

On Constitution and Canons—Rev. Henry A. Coit, D. D., Rev. Francis Chase, Thomas R. Crosby, M. D.

On New Parishes—Rev. James Haughton, Rev. E. A. Renouf, Mathews W. Green.

To Nominate Standing Committee and Preachers for next Convention—Rev. Dr. Herrick, Rev. E. H. Downing, John L. Farwell.

On New Business—Rev. Dr. Hubbard, Rev. Rufus W. Clark, Jr., J. B. Bradley.

The Treasurer of the Convention and Bishop's Fund presented reports, which were read and referred to the Committee on Finance. (See Appendix.)

The committee appointed at the last Convention "to investigate the affairs of Union Church, Claremont, so far as concerns certain funds held in trust by that parish," presented their report, which was read by the Secretary, and, after explanatory remarks by the Rev. Francis Chase, chairman of the committee, the Rev. Mr. Renouf offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be given to the Committee on the Affairs of Union Church, Claremont, for their faithful and instructive report, and that the report be laid upon the table and made the order of the day, after the reading of the Bishop's Address.

On motion, the Convention adjourned for divine service, to meet at 2 o'clock P. M.

[Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Messrs. Clark, Haughton, Richmond, and the Rev. Dr. Porter; the Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. Elijah H. Downing; the Holy Communion was administered by the Rev. Drs. Hubbard and Eames.]

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2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention met agreeably to adjournment, when the Rev. Francis Chase read the

BISHOP'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Beloved Brethren, Members of this Convention:

Through the mercy and goodness of our adorable Lord we are brought to the holding of the sixty-ninth Annual Convention of this Diocese. It becomes us to begin a new year with looking over the labors, records and results of the last. Little can I claim for labors of my own in the various fields of the Diocese. Under bodily disability, rather increasing than otherwise, I have been obliged to ask help of my brethren of the Episcopate, which has most kindly been given, and to rely much on occasional aid from our own clergy. My visitations have necessarily been few. What I could do by correspondence I trust I have done. The circumstances of our clergy and parishes have been such, that the labor of correspondence, with

all its anxious cares, has not been light. The year has been remarkable for changes and movements among both clergy and people, not in this Diocese only, but in all parts of our country. The result, on the whole, has been decidedly in the direction of progress and gain.

Our last Convention was held on the 27th and 28th days of May, 1868.

May 28, 1868. Charles Powhatton Campbell was duly admitted a candidate for Holy Orders.

On the 5th of June, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Williams, at my request, admitted to the order of Deacons, at Middletown, Conn., Mr. Edward C. Gardner, a candidate of this Diocese, who had received his theological education at the Berkeley Divinity School.

June 25. By Letter Dimissory I transferred to New-York the Rev. Southard Compton, D. D.

June 30. Notice from the Bishop of Western New-York of the deposition from the ministry of Robert Dobyns, Presbyter.

July 21. On recommendation by the Standing Committee, I admitted as candidates for Holy Orders Mr. James Alexander Dupee Hughes and Mr. Henry W. Judge—full literary qualifications being understood.

August 16. I visited Union Church, Claremont, and confirmed six persons. Sermon by Rev. Dr. Hubbard. The Rector is giving to the Church a son, now a candidate for the ministry, at the General Theological Seminary.

August 23. I visited St. John's Church, Walpole, and confirmed two persons. This Church was then in charge of the Rev. F. S. Fisher; but, I am sorry to say, has been without a pastor for some months.

August 25. I visited St. Peter's Church, Drewsville, and confirmed seven persons. The sermon, one of great power and deep interest, was delivered by the Rev. Francis Vinton, D. D., of New-York. The presence of this eminent divine was hailed with joy and gratitude by a large assemblage of people. On the day following was held a meeting of the Western Convocation, in which many important questions were discussed, and various methods suggested for increasing the efficiency of all engaged in the work of the Gospel—of the laity as well as the clergy. *August 26.* A sermon, very appropriate and effective, was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Renouf, and a collection taken for the purposes of the Convocation. Present, the Rev. Drs. Hubbard and Porter, Rev. Messrs. Renouf, Smith and Chase.

St. Peter's Church has been doing remarkably well for the last two years. Dr. Porter, indeed, left it some time since, but Mr. Renouf is officiating there on alternate Sundays, and will continue. By remodeling and furnishing of the Church edifice the life and energy of the Parish have been much quickened.

September 4. I gave a Letter Dimissory to New-York in favor of Rev. Thomas G. Valpey, Deacon.

September 19. Notice from the Bishop of Ohio of the deposition from the Ministry of J. W. Cracraft, Presbyter.

September 30. At my request the Rt. Rev. Bishop Neely consecrated Christ Church, Exeter. This is a beautiful structure, costing, I think, about $11,000, with no remaining debt.

October 5. On recommendation by the standing committee I received Mr. Wm. B. T. Smith as a candidate for Holy Orders.

October 12. I accepted from the Bishop of Rhode-Island a Letter Dimissory in favor of the Rev. Rufus W. Clark, Jr., Rector elect of St. John's Church, Portsmouth.

About this time I received notice from the Bishop of Arkansas of the deposition from the ministry of David Kerr, Presbyter; and from the Bishop of Virginia, of the deposition of Wm. C. Stewart, Deacon.

On the 7th day of October the General Convention of the American Church commenced its triennial session in the City of New-York. Under much weakness I was enabled by a merciful and sustaining Providence to make the journey, and to take my seat in the House of Bishops. This was a session of uncommon interest and importance to the whole American Church; whose strength, purity, and Scriptural order its proceedings plainly proved and illustrated.

November 2. I received from the Rev. C. A. Rand, a Report, that on the 13th and 20th of September previous, he baptized seven children at a village in the town of Lancaster, called the "Lost Nation," where, as I was informed in my visits to that town some years since, there reside several families of Episcopalians, mostly foreigners.

And here I would express the hope, that at a day not distant we shall have Churches in that part of our State, especially in Lancaster and Littleton. If we had the means and the men, I have little doubt that a good work could be done at once. Littleton, especially, seems to offer an open door. Let it be remembered.

November 11. I accepted a Letter Dimissory from the Bishop of Massachusetts, in favor of the Rev. John B. Richmond, who has become Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Dover.

November 18. From the Bishop of Alabama, notice of the deposition from the ministry of John H. Meili, Presbyter.

December 3. I learned with much regret, that the Rev. C. Ingles Chapin had resigned the Rectorship of St. Luke's Church, in Nashua. So effective seemed his labors, that I had indulged a hope that the connection would be lasting. At his request I gave him a Letter Dimissory to Maine.

December 21. In answer to a communication from the Presiding Bishop, I gave my consent to the election of the Rt. Rev.

Henry Champlin Lay, D. D., Missionary Bishop to Arkansas, to the newly erected Episcopate of Easton, in Maryland.

January 4, 1869. On similar communication, I gave my consent to the consecration of the Rev. A. N. Littlejohn, as Bishop of Long Island.

January 11. Notice from the Bishop of Tennessee of the deposition of J. W. Rogers, Presbyter; also, from the Bishop of Pennsylvania, of the deposition of G. Bedell Keen, Deacon.

January 18. I signified to the Presiding Bishop my consent to the consecration of the Rev. Wm. C. Doane, D. D., as Bishop of Albany.

January 26. By Letter Dimissory I transferred the Rev. Edward C. Gardner to Connecticut. Also, *February 9*, I transferred the Rev. Geo. G. Field to Pennsylvania.

Here I would take occasion to make grateful acknowledgment of my obligation to my neighboring brethren, the Bishops of Maine, Connecticut, and Vermont, for their kind offers of relief to me in the discharge of my duty among our Churches.

February 24. I authorized and requested the Bishop of Maine to perform official acts in this Diocese, and especially to arrange an early visitation to Portsmouth, Dover, Exeter, and Epping.

February 27. I signified to the Presiding Bishop my cordial consent to the consecration of the Rev. Frederick D. Huntington, D. D., to the office of Bishop of Central New-York. May the Lord bless that eminently good and accomplished man in the arduous labors of the field to which he has gone.

March 13. I think it proper to mention here, that about this time I nominated to the Committee of Domestic Missions as follows: — The Rev. James Haughton to be missionary at Hanover; the Rev. S. P. Parker, D. D., to be Missionary at Exeter, and the Rev. E. H. Downing to be Missionary at Epping. I am happy to add, that these nominations were confirmed by the committee, and those brethren are faithfully working at their posts.

March 22. From the Bishop of Massachusetts I accepted a Letter Dimissory in favor of the Rev. Samuel P. Parker, D. D., who is now a Presbyter of this Diocese, and has, I am most happy to say, become Rector of Christ Church, Exeter.

I desire to acknowledge here my obligations to the Rt. Rev. Dr. Bissell, Bishop of Vermont, for a visit made by him on the 21st inst. to St. Thomas' Church in Hanover. It was a visit, I can not doubt, from which will result much good. He preached three times to large and very attentive congregations. Seven candidates received the solemn rite of confirmation.

March 24. I accepted from the Bishop of Pennsylvania a Letter Dimissory in favor of the Rev. George W. Brown, M. D., Presbyter. I am most happy to say that at Easter he entered on the Rectorship of St. James' Church, Keene, made vacant by

the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Renouf. Respecting the condition and the prospects of that Church, I receive the most welcome and encouraging intelligence. * * I am informed by the Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Dover, that on the 17th inst. the Rt. Rev. Bishop Randall confirmed one person in that Church—he being on a visit for the purpose of presenting the wants of Colorado, his missionary jurisdiction.

March 26. Notice from Bishop Clarkson of the deposition from the ministry of Samuel Herman.

March 28,—Easter Day. In Trinity Church, Claremont, I confirmed fourteen persons.

April 20. Gave to Rev. George W. Porter, D. D., a Letter Dimissory to Massachusetts.

May 5. I received from the Bishop of New-Jersey notice of the deposition from the ministry of Marshall B. Smith, Presbyter.

I think it proper to introduce here the substance of a report received from my Right Reverend Brother, the Bishop of Maine, of labors most kindly performed by him in the eastern section of this Diocese. I can not express my grateful appreciation of these most useful labors, nor will they be forgotten by the people of the churches.

May 2—Sunday. The Bishop visited St. John's Church, Portsmouth, preached, administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed fourteen persons. This promises well for the success of the Rev. Mr. Clark.

May 3—Monday. The Bishop preached in Christ Church, Exeter. The Rev. Dr. Parker had not been pastor a sufficient length of time to prepare a class for confirmation.

May 4 — Tuesday. In St. Thomas' Church, Dover, the Bishop preached and confirmed seven persons.

May 6—Ascension Day. In the Chapel of St. Paul's School, in Concord, the Bishop preached and admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons Robert Agnew Benton, a Master in St. Paul's School. On the same day, after evening prayer, he preached and confirmed fifteen persons in the same chapel.

May 7—Friday Evening. He preached in St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton. I am sorry to say, this old and venerable parish is still without a resident pastor.

May 9—Sunday. In the forenoon the Bishop preached in St. Paul's Church, Concord—in the afternoon, as reported in St. Paul's Chapel. In the evening he preached in St. Paul's Church, and confirmed seven persons.

May 11—Tuesday. The Bishop visited St. Thomas' Church, Hanover, preached and confirmed four persons. It will be remembered, that in the month of March, seven were confirmed in this Church by the Bishop of Vermont.

Such is a brief account of the late visits of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Neely to a portion of the Churches of New-Hampshire.

May 12. I gave license to the Rev. John Hargate, and the Rev. Robert Agnew Benton, Deacons, to preach the Gospel.

May 15. Received notice from the Bishop of Illinois of the deposition of Henry W. Woods, Presbyter, from the sacred ministry.

The whole number confirmed in the Diocese, during the year now ending, is eighty-six.

There are a few topics, concerning which I desire to submit to this Convention and to our people generally a few brief remarks.

No organized parish can be justified, on any ground that I can think of, in neglecting or omitting to hold its annual meeting. There being no Rector is no excuse. Indeed, it is a reason for the more scrupulous attention to the matter. By looking into the Canons of the Diocese, you will see that it is the duty of the Wardens to report to the Convention the temporal condition of the Parish—and if there is no minister, to report, so far as they can, its spiritual condition and prospects. It is very important that the names of the Wardens, at least, be in my possession in order that I may know with whom to communicate. I pray you, brethren, to bear this matter in mind.

I hope I shall not be thought unreasonably exacting, if I suggest that zeal, with increase of vital energy and liberality, are expected of parishes which receive missionary or other help sustaining them. Dear Brethren, may I not hope that your patient kindness will bear with me, if I use great plainness of speech in counsels which may be my last? I can not permit myself to doubt it. In too many cases the people cast all active care for religion and the church upon the clergyman; doing little themselves toward helping, with heart and voice, the work of progress; persuading individuals, or leading new families to a knowledge of our "more excellent way." In consequence of this the removal of a clergyman is apt to be followed by discouragement and indifference, and a waiting for somebody to find a minister for them. Every parish should, as soon as possible, make preparation for lay reading. And every member of a church should feel bound to work in earnest, by mind and heart, by speech and pecuniary means, for the multiplication of believers and the growth of the church.

There is no branch of the Christian Church in the whole world, in which the Laity can do so much good as in the American Church. In small and feeble parishes—and in parishes newly organized, five or six persons, with heart and soul in the work, and with a blessing sure to be granted to faithful prayer,

can accomplish a great amount of good. Every parish should have its Sunday school; and this should be maintained, whether there be a resident pastor or not. I am most happy to say, that in most of our parishes we have well ordered specimens of this most useful institution—but sorry to add, not in all.

Nevertheless, dear brethren, let it not be supposed that the Sunday school is or can be a substitute for family instruction. It is for the *mother's* love and patience to work on the mind and heart of the child long before it can be placed in the Sunday school. O how much bitterness of remorse would be avoided and prevented by proper attention to this. Let these things be the subject of devout reflection.

As respects the use of "Hymns Ancient and Modern," in the worship of the Church, it may be considered as licensed in this Diocese—not, however, that I approve of every line and verse of the collection. The use of it is submitted to the judgment of the clergy.

I think it proper to mention here, that I have lately received a beautiful little volume entitled "The Church Hymnal," which is a collection of Hymns from the "Prayer Book," from "Additional Hymns," "Hymns Ancient and Modern," and "Hymns for Church and Home." I have examined the collection, which consists of 427 hymns, with much care and interest, and think it truly excellent. And inasmuch as it is drawn from collections submitted to the judgment of the Bishops by the General Convention, I see no reasonable objection to its use in worship.

I desire to express my thanks to those of our clergy who have given occasional services to vacant and needy churches. Much more of this may be done without any loss to the stronger churches. I wish the clergy would bear this in mind. The missionary means of the Diocese, as they are now, and I hope will continue, will warrant a moderate appropriation for the payment of expenses.

CARLTON CHASE, *Bishop, &c.*

[The Rev. Dr. Hubbard in the chair.]

The roll of the Convention having been called, the special order was taken from the table, being the report of the investigating committee in relation to Union Church, Claremont. The subject was discussed by Mr. Arnold Briggs, and Rev. Messrs. Renouf and Chase, when Mr. Albert R. Hatch offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the report of the committee in relation to the affairs of Union Church, and the whole subject, be committed to the Standing Committee of the Diocese; and that the com-

mittee be empowered to take such action in the premises as they may think proper.

The report of the special committee appointed at the last Convention to consider the relation of the Church to Common Schools, was called for, when the chairman, the Rev. Dr. Hubbard, stated that they had taken no action upon the subject, and asked that the committee be discharged. Adopted.

Mr. George G. Ide offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three be chosen to consider the relation of the Church to Common Schools, and report to the next meeting of the Convention.

The resolution was adopted, and the Rev. Dr. Hubbard and the Rev. Francis Chase and the Rev. George W. Brown, were appointed said committee.

The Secretary presented and read the

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

To the sixty-ninth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Hampshire:

The Standing Committee of the Diocese, through its Secretary, makes the following report of its transactions during the past year.

At the Annual Convention of the Diocese, held in Trinity Church, Claremont, on the 27th day of May, 1868, the following gentlemen were elected the Standing Committee for the then ensuing year: Rev. James H. Eames, D. D., of Concord; Rev. Henry A. Coit, D. D., of Concord; Rev. Marcellus A. Herrick, D. D., of Sanbornton Bridge; William L. Foster, of Concord; Hon. Charles A. Tufts, of Dover; and Horace A. Brown, of Concord.

The Committee was organized on the same day by the choice of the Rev. Dr. Eames as President, and William L. Foster as Secretary.

During the year since the last report, the Committee have signified their consent to the consecration of

Rev. William Croswell Doane, S. T. D., as Bishop of the Diocese of Albany;

Rev. Abram N. Littlejohn, D. D., as Bishop of the Diocese of Long Island;

Rev. Frederick D. Huntington, D. D., as Bishop of the Diocese of Central New-York.

The Committee have also signified their consent to the transfer from the Missionary District of the Southwest, of Rt. Rev. Henry Champlin Lay, D. D., as Diocesan of Easton.

The Committee have also given their consent and recommendation to the sale of the church edifice and property of St. Luke's parish, Nashua, on condition that the proceeds of such sale be applied,—first, to the payment of the parish debt, and that the balance be placed in the hands of the Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the State of New-Hampshire, to be held by them in trust and appropriated under their direction for the use of said parish.

They have also signed the testimonials of Charles P. Campbell, William Benjamin Tyng Smith, Jarvis A. D. Hughes, and Henry W. Judge, candidates for Holy Orders; and Robert Agnew Benton, a candidate for the Diaconate.

They have also prepared, and they herewith present and recommend to the Convention for its adoption, a Form for Wardens' Report.

WM. L. FOSTER, *Secretary.*

The report was accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. H. A. Brown moved to amend the form for Wardens' Report, by inserting as item 4, "Amount of incidental expenses for the year, $——." Adopted.

The Secretary presented an "Address of the Convention of the Diocese of North-Carolina on the subject of the Division of Dioceses."

On motion of Mr. Ide, the thanks of this Convention were voted to the Diocese of North-Carolina for copies of the report above alluded to.

Parochial and other parish reports were presented and ordered to be printed. (See Appendix.)

The Rev. Dr. Eames, on behalf of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Finance report that they have examined the Treasurer's vouchers and find them correct. They recom-

mend that the parishes pay the assessments as early as possible, certainly before January, 1870.

The committee report the following assessments:

	Expenses.	Bishop's Salary.
St. John's Church, Portsmouth (including tithes),...	$25.00	$190.00
Union Church, West Claremont(including tithes),.....	12.00	100.00
Trinity Church, Claremont,.....	10.00	80.00
St. Thomas' Church, Dover,.....	6.00	40.00
St. Paul's Church, Concord,.....	10.00	70.00
Trinity Church, Cornish,.....	2.00	15.00
St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,.....	2.00	7.00
St. Mark's Church, Holderness,.....	2.00	7.00
Grace Church, Manchester,.....	6.00	45.00
St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,.....	2.00	10.00
St Luke's Church, Nashua,.....	5.00	20.00
St. James' Church, Keene,.....	5.00	20.00
Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge,.....	5.00	15.00
St. Philip's Church, Epping,.....	2.00	7.00
St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield,.....	2.00	7.00
St. John's Church, Walpole.....	2.00	7.00
St. Peter's Church, Drewsville,.....	2.00	7.00
St. Luke's Church, Charlestown.....	3.00	15.00
Christ Church, Exeter,.....	2.00	8.00
St. Matthew's Church, Goffstown,.....	2.00	7.00
Otherwise provided for,.....		50.00
Treasurer of Donations,.....		200.00
	$107.00	$927.00

JAMES H. EAMES, *for Committee.*

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Nominations, by Rev. Dr. Herrick, recommended that the next Convention be held at St. Thomas' Church, Dover; and that the Rev. Dr. Parker preach the Convention Sermon, and that the Rev. Rufus W. Clark, Jr., be his substitute; and that the Rev. John B. Richmond preach the Missionary Sermon, and the Rev. James Haughton be his substitute. Adopted.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to elect a Standing Committee. The Chair appointed Dr. Thomas R. Crosby and Mr. Arnold Briggs as tellers, who announced the following named gentlemen as elected: Rev. Drs. Eames, Coit and Hubbard; Messrs. William L. Foster, Albert R. Hatch, and Charles A. Tufts.

A ballot for Treasurer being ordered, Mr. Horace A. Brown, of Concord, was reëlected.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to print such number of copies of the Journal of this Convention as in his discretion are required.

On motion, the Convention then voted to resolve itself into Board of Missions.

[In the Board of Missions the Treasurer presented his report, which will be found in the Appendix. The Rev. Francis Chase was reëlected Secretary and Treasurer of the Board.]

The Board of Missions having adjourned, the business of the Convention was resumed.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Renouf, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the congregation of Grace Church, Manchester, for their liberal hospitality to both the clerical and lay delegates to the Convention.

No farther business offering, it was voted to adjourn *sine die*.

Attest:

HORACE A. BROWN, *Secretary*.

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CHARLESTOWN.

REV. FRANCIS CHASE, RECTOR.

PORTER SPENCER, } Wardens. GEORGE OLCOTT, Clerk and Treasurer.
GEORGE OLCOTT, }

Baptisms: infants, 6; adults, 4; total, 10. Communicants: number last reported, 42; added by removal, 4; lost by removal, 5; present number, 35. Marriages, 1. Burials, 7. Sunday School: teachers, 8; scholars, 53. Contributions: for parochial purposes, $23.36; communion alms, $65.67; Diocesan missions, $41.00; domestic, $32.51; foreign, $10.18 — aged and infirm clergy fund, $7.00; total contributions in Church, $179.72; extra, $60.

This parish has received the blessing of God, as in times past. There has been no marked and special increase, but a gradual progress in material prosperity, and also, we trust, in that which is spiritual. The enlargement of the church edifice is already well advanced, and will probably be finished in the course of a month. This will nearly or quite double the number of our sittings. The enlargement is accomplished by means of transepts; the nave of the church having been separated from the chancel, and moved back to allow the transepts to be built in: so that the church is actually lengthened by as much as the width of the transepts. A neat bell tower has also been erected in the southeast corner. The window of three bays in the south gable, is to be filled with beautiful memorial glass, presented by friends in New-York. The enlargement will be paid for when completed.

[The Wardens report: Value of property, $5,121.25; salary of Rector, $1,000—derived from rent of pews, with some assistance from Propagation Right and Ladies' Society.]

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH.

REV. RUFUS W. CLARK, JR., RECTOR.

JAMES P. BARTLETT, C. C. JACKSON, } Wardens. JOHN W. FERNALD, Clerk. JOSHUA W. PEIRCE, Treas'r.

Baptisms: infants, 22; adults, 4; total, 26. Confirmed, 14. Communicants: number last reported, 216; added by removal, 6; added anew, 17; lost by removal, 12; lost by death, 8; present number, 219. Marriages, 5. Burials, 14. Sunday Schools: teachers, 28; scholars, 236. Contributions: communion alms, $143.56; Diocesan missions, $104.50; domestic, in total, $101.18; Christmas alms, $105,76; Christmas festival, $90.27; Sunday School books, &c., $60; for Exeter, $37; New-York Bible and Prayer Book Society, $6; other contributions, $23; total, $671.27.

The above report is for the seven months dating from October 25, 1868, at which time the present Rector assumed his charge.

CHAPEL OF ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL.

Baptisms: infants, 6 (of whom *two* are reported elsewhere); adults, 3; total, 9. Confirmed, 15. Communicants: number last reported, 53; added by removal, 6; added anew, 16; lost by removal, 19; lost by death, 1; present number, 55. Marriages, 0. Burials, 1. Sunday School: has been under the care of the Rev. Mr. Hargate and Mr. John T. Wheeler; scholars, 46—including the children at the Orphans' Home. Contributions—Diocesan missions, $25; domestic, $200; foreign, $35—extra: Exeter, N. H., for bell, $25; Hanover, N. H., $50; St. Stephen's mission, Boston, Rev. Dr. Wells, $50; Nashotah, Wis., $20; Colorado, through Bishop Randall, $93; Oregon, through Bishop Morris, $50; Florida, through Bishop Young, $50; Minnesota, through Bishop Whipple, $50; Maine, through Bishop Neely, $50; Kansas, through Bishop Vail, $50; Freedman's Home Commission, $50; Bishop's salary, $100; Orphans' Home, $417; total, $1,315.

During the Rector's absence in Europe, from June to January, the spiritual as well as the temporal concerns of the School and neighborhood were most faithfully and efficiently cared for by his brother, the Vice-Rector, and the other gentlemen associated with him in the work of the School.

HENRY A. COIT.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, EPPING.

REV. E. H. DOWNING, RECTOR.

JAS. B. PEARSON, HENRY F. HOYT, } Wardens. E. H. DOWNING, Clerk. GEO. E. LAWRENCE, Treasurer.

Baptisms: adults, 1. Communicants: number last reported, 16; added by removal, 1; added anew, 1; lost by removal, 1; present number, 17. Marriages, 2.. Burials 5 (two of these in Nottingham). Sunday School: teachers, 6; scholars, 28. Contributions: communion alms, $27.53; Diocesan missions, $13; domestic, $5; St. Stephen's mission to the poor, Boston (individual donation), $5; contents of Sunday School box, $2,53; total, $53.06.

[The Wardens report: Value of property, $1,500—in good condition. Salary paid to Rector, $550 — derived, $200 from parish, the balance missionary. No. debt.]

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH CONCORD.

REV. J. H. EAMES, D. D., RECTOR.

HORACE A. BROWN, FRANKLIN LOW, } Wardens. ABEL HUTCHINS, Clerk. CHARLES MINOT, Treasurer.

Baptisms: infants, 5; adults, 2; total, 7. Confirmed, 7. Communicants: number last reported, 175; added by removal, 0; added anew, 7; lost by removal, 7; lost by death, 3; present number, 172. Marriages, 10. Burials, 4. Sunday School: teachers, 11; scholars, 120. Contributions: parochial purposes, $128.80; Diocesan missions, $93.75; domestic, children's Easter gift, $27; special, for Colorado, $61; for Exeter, $54; Increase of Ministry, $30; for Children's Home, by the Cheerful Workers, $123.56; gift of silver flagon, $200; total, $718.11.

[The Wardens report: Value of property, $28,000. Salary paid to Rector, $1,500; other expenses, $600; paid for occasional services, $40—derived from subscriptions and contributions. Indebtedness of the parish, $200—means of liquidating the same, subscriptions and contributions.]

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, HANOVER.

REV. JAMES HAUGHTON, RECTOR.

A. B. CROSBY, S. W. COBB, } Wardens. W. A. MACK, Clerk. W. H. DUNCAN, Treasurer.

Baptisms: infants, 6; adults, 3; total, 9. Confirmed, 11. Communicants: number last reported, 22; lost by removal, 2;

present number, 30. Marriages, 2. Burials, 1. Sunday School: teachers, 5; scholars, 30. Offertory in seven months, 324.12.

The present Rector began work in October. The congregation from the village is about one hundred. Most of the seats are free, and the entire revenue of the Church is through the offertory. The Christmas offerings were $46, the Easter offerings, $60. A small Baumgarten pipe organ (cost $500) has been bought; also, a Meneely bell of sweet tone, weight $600 lbs., pitch C—cost $313. The singing is congregational, led by a choir of twenty-six. A bell turret has been added to the church. Part of the Sprague fund has been invested in a lot of land in the center of the village. A rectory is to be built at once. Eight of the communicants are College students. The morning attendance from the College is upward of thirty; that of the evening from fifty to one hundred and twenty-five. One of the students conducts, as licensed lay reader, a large and promising mission at White River Junction, in Vermont.

[The Wardens report: Value of church $4,000; organ, $500; bell, $300. Salary paid Rector, 1,500—derived from the offertory, the board of Domestic missions, Diocesan missions, and the contributions of individuals and individual parishes. No debt.]

TRINITY CHURCH, SANBORNTON BRIDGE.

REV. M. A. HERRICK, D. D., RECTOR.

ASA P. CATE, BRADBURY T. BROWN, } Wardens. CHARLES P. ROGERS, Clerk. J. F. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

Comunicants: number last reported, 67; added by removal, 1; lost by removal, 4; present number, 64. Baptisms: 5 infants. Burials, 3. Sunday School: teachers, 6; scholars, about 30. Contributions for parochial purposes: for payment of debt on parsonage, $902—of this the ladies contributed $250, the parish by subscription $552, received from Diocese $100; for Bishop's salary, $10; for Sunday School, $30; for missions, $5.

Several persons have given in their names as candidates for confirmation. We hope soon to receive an Episcopal visitation, either from our own or some neighboring Bishop, with which we have not been favored for something more than two years.

[The Wardens report: Value of real and personal estate, $8000—in good repair. Salary paid to Rector, $800 and parsonage—salary derived from subscriptions. No debt.]

TRINITY CHURCH, CLAREMONT.

I. G. HUBBARD, RECTOR.

CHA'S M. BINGHAM, } Wardens. ARNOLD BRIGGS, Clerk.
ARNOLD BRIGGS, } HENRY PATTEN, Treasurer.

Baptisms: infants, 8; adults, 9; total, 17. Confirmations, 14. Communicants: number last reported, 155; added anew, 16; by removal, 12; total, 28; lost by removal, 7; by death, 2; total, 9; present number, 173. Sunday School: children, 75; teachers, 11. Contributions: communion offerings, $136.87; monthly collection for missions, $170.03; other collections, $61.23; total, $384.13. This sum has been appropriated as follows: To a church in Liberia, for bell, $4; to a church in Mississippi, $10; to Sunday School library, 34.05; to the Freedman's Commission, $23; to St. Thomas' Church, Hanover, $35; to the Society for the Increase of the Ministry, $45; to Diocesan missions, $75; to Nashotah, from Sunday school, $16; children's festival at Christmas, charity, wine for communion, &c., $54.43; other parochial objects, including tracts, catechisms, printing, &c., $43.84; to domestic missions, $25; to foreign Missions, $19.

During the year the parish has paid off a debt upon the church of $2,370 — of this amount $200 was generously given by Mr. Paran Stevens, of New-York, and $100 each by Mr. James P. Brewer, of Pittsburgh, and Mr. Frederick H. Stimpson, of Boston. The salary has been increased two hundred dollars, and is raised promptly. The pecuniary affairs of the parish are attended to by the various officers in a faithful and energetic manner. Altogether, the Church is in a prosperous condition, and there are many evidences of increasing attachment to her services, and zeal in promoting her welfare. By the direction of the Wardens the evening service, at 6 o'clock, has been made free, and has been largely attended by persons not permanently connected with the parish.

[The Wardens report: Value of church edifice, $11,000; organ and church furniture, $2,000; rectory, $2,500; total, $15,000—in good condition; insurance on church, $3,500; rectory, $1,000. Salary paid to Rector, $1,200 — derived from annual renting of pews. Indebtedness, $1,000 on the rectory; means of liquidating the same, not at hand.]

CHRIST CHURCH, EXETER.

REV. S. P. PARKER, D. D., RECTOR.

H. D. BATCHELDER, } Wardens.
S. B. SWETT, }

Communicants: number last reported, 29; present number, 30. Sunday School: teachers, 5; scholars, including young

children and catechetical class of Rector, 40. Offertory, $500. Contributions: for parochial purposes, $130; missions, $60.

The above report is necessarily incomplete. The Rev. James Haughton remained Rector till October. The new church, a description of which is to be found in last year's parochial report, was consecrated on the 30th of September, by the Bishop of Maine, a good number of clergy and laymen from the vicinity being in attendance. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Prof. J. T. Huntington, of Trinity College. From October till April 1st the parish had no Rector, but was supplied by various clergymen, through the unwearied energy of a churchwoman, to whom this parish is under great obligations. The parish is out of debt. A beautiful Bible has been presented by Mr. J. F. Sheafe, of New-York. An important feature in the parochial work is the catechetical class, under the instruction of the Rector, embracing the students of the Academy, and an increasing number of the adults of the congregation. The opening of the Robinson School, with an endowment of $200,000, in Exeter, in the coming autumn, adds importance to the presence of the Church in this place, as a great educational center. The congregation is growing in numbers and in animation in worship.

[The Wardens report: Value of property, $11,708. Salary paid to Rector, since 1868 to Easter, 1869, inclusive, $845.50; amount paid to other ministers, for occasional services, $406—derived from missionary society, offertory, and friends of the Church. No debt.]

ST. THOMAS CHURCH, DOVER.

REV. JOHN B. RICHMOND RECTOR.

WILLIAM HALE, CHARLES A. TUFTS, } Wardens. JOHN DUXBURY, Clerk. WILLIAM HALE, Treasurer.

Baptisms: adults, 2; infants, 4; total, 6. Confirmed, 8. Communicants: number last reported, 98; added, 11; died, 2; present number 107. Married, 1. Burials, 2. Sunday School: Teachers, 15; scholars, 90—including one male, and one female Bible class, and one adult Prayer Book class. Contributions: for freedmen, $18; Bishop Randall, for Colorado, $76; disabled clergymen, $7.33; communion alms, $58.32; parish purposes, $394.02; Diocesan missions, $32.55; Bishop Tuttle, for the annual support of a scholar in the Church School at Utah, $40; ladies' societies, $350; total, $976.22.

The former Rector, the Rev. George G. Field, resigned his pastorate August 16, 1868. His report, from Convention to time of resignation, would be as follows: Baptized, 1. Mar-

riages, 1. Buried, 1. Contributions: disabled clergymen, $16.75; Society for the Increase of the Ministry, $25; for Church in Exeter, $25.15; communion alms, $9.33; total, $76.23.

The present incumbent entered upon the duties of this parish the second Sunday of November, 1868, and so brief has been his connection that his report must be necessarily meager. The attendance upon the public services of Festival and Fast has steadily increased, and more additions might be made, but for the want of room. It is greatly to be hoped that something may be done for our relief, either in the erection of a new church—which is much needed in such a growing city as Dover—or by an addition to the old building, which, with some improvements, would give us some twenty additional pews. If we could have a new church, and that forever *free*, I am of the opinion that large numbers would be added to the parish, and its power for support and missionary work would be greatly enhanced. The ladies of the parish have pursued the even tenor of their way, being, as of yore, actively engaged in every good word and work. In addition to their usual labor, now reported, they have made up a box of clothing, and sent it to the Rev. Mr. Hinman, for the Dacotah Indian mission, under his charge, and now their busy fingers are at work in behalf of the Orphan's School, under the direction of the Rector of St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H. Whatever their hands find to do, I trust they will ever do, with all their might.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

[The Wardens report: Value of property, $5,950. Salary paid Rector, $1,000—derived from subscriptions. No debt. The temporal condition of the parish is encouraging.]

UNION CHURCH, WEST CLAREMONT.

REV. H. S. SMITH, RECTOR.

S. C. Grannis, A. Thomas, J. Tyler, } Wardens. H. P. Shedd, Treasurer and Clerk.

Baptisms: adults, 1: children, 5; total, 6. Confirmed, 8. Communicants: number last reported, 35; added, 4; died, 1; removed, 1; present number, 37. Marriages, 2. Burials, 8. Sunday School: teachers, 4; scholars, 15. Contributions: alms, $6.72; Diocesan missions, 3.75.

The action taken by the parish, at a meeting held on the 5th of May will, of course, be reported to the Convention by the Wardens.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, NASHUA.

C. CUNNINGHAM, J. HINTON, } Wardens. J. P. S. OTTERSON, Clerk. R. O. GREENLEAF, Treasurer.

This church has been closed since October 1, 1868, or since the resignation of Rev. C. I. Chapin. From Easter, 1868, up to the time of closing, the church services were regularly held, with the exception of seven Sundays. The church, having been closed a greater portion of the past year, is naturally some out of repair; otherwise the value of the church building and property is the same as last reported, and is insured. The total indebtedness of the parish is $753.25, being an increase since our last report of $153.25.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, GOFFSTOWN.

WM. H. H. HART, R. JOHNSON, } Wardens. R. JOHNSON, Clerk, E. RICHARDS, Treasurer.

The property of the parish consists of the church and land, valued at $4.500. The Wardens are very grateful to those who gave their assistance toward the completion of the church. They were also helped by the friends of the Church in Boston and New-York city. The debt on the church is now $1,600.

Goffstown, May 26, 1869.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, DREWSVILLE.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir: I regret that I am not able to report in full the statistics of St. Peter's Church, Drewsville, for the time intervening between the last Diocesan Convention and my resignation of the Rectorship in December last, at which time I removed to my present field of labor in Woburn.

During the interval alluded to above, there were six persons confirmed, and there was one adult baptized. The condition of the parish was prosperous, and the Sunday School was flourishing.

I have rejoiced greatly that on my resignation the services of the Rev. E. A. Renouf were engaged by the parish, and that they have been uninterruptedly enjoyed by the people until the present time, and I pray that they may be long continued to them. I am, my dear Bishop, very faithfuly yours,

G. W. PORTER,
Presbyter of the Diocese of Massachusetts.

Woburn, Mass., May 21, A. D. 1869.

To the Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of New-Hampshire:

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir: In accordance with an engagement made with the Wardens of St. Peter's Church, Drewsville,

I entered upon the charge of that parish the third Sunday in Advent, December 13, 1868, to serve till Easter, holding service every alternate Sunday. At Easter, a new engagement was made with the Wardens and Vestry, to serve the parish for one year, holding service every Sunday the first six months, and each alternate Sunday the remainder of the year. Since taking charge of the parish, I report the following facts in connection with it: Baptisms: 1 adult and 4 children. Communicants: about as last reported. 1 marriage. 1 burial. The Holy Communion has been celebrated 4 times. The amount of collections, taken every Sunday, is $37.73—expended as follows: Nashotah, $5.02; parochial purposes, $1.60; Diocesan missions, $10.09; Bishop's salary and Convention expenses, $3.96; domestic missions, $5; balance, $12.15.

The Sunday School continues in a flourishing condition. The congregations are good, and seem hopeful as regards the prosperity of this long-established parish. It is but an act of simple justice to say that, in the opinion of the parisioners, this encouraging state of things is, under God, chiefly owing to the devotion and energy of the late Rector, the Rev. Dr. Porter, now of Woburn, Mass. Very respectfully and truly yours,

E. A. RENOUF.

Keene, May 15, 1869.

Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of New-Hampshire:

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir: My engagement with St. James' Church, Keene, having terminated on Whitsunday, May 31, 1868, I have officiated, on various occasions, at Nashua, Walpole, and Marlborough, in this Diocese, and at Salem, Lowell, and Fitchburg, in the Diocese of Massachusetts, and New-York city, and Brooklyn, in the State of New-York. While the Church in Keene was closed, last summer, I held Morning Service four times at my own house, and once more, later in the season, at my own house, on a similar emergency, I held Evening Service, for the benefit of the congregation. I report 3 infants baptized, 5 burials, and the Holy Communion administered 5 times. Very respectfully and truly yours,

E. A. RENOUF.

Keene, May 15, 1869.

REPORT OF REV. WILLIAM J. HARRIS.

To the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese:

With your permission, I withdrew from the Rectorship of Grace Church, Manchester, on the 1st of January last. Since then I have been instructing in the Divinity School of the Protestant Episcopal Church, at Cambridge, Mass., and officiating in Christ Church, Waltham. WM. J. HARRIS.

Waltham, Mass., May 24, 1869.

THE REV. F. S. FISHER

Respectfully reports that, from the date of the last Convention until February, he officiated as Rector of St. John's Church, Walpole, when he resigned the Rectorship. Since which time he has officiated as occasion offered, being without a charge. Baptized: adults, 2; infants, 1; total, 3. Buried, 1.

CHRIST CHURCH, NORTH CONWAY.

REV. THOMAS B. NEWBY, RECTOR.

CHARLES A. PEABODY, Sen. Warden. WILLIAM LECONEY,
SAMUEL W. THOMPSON, Jun. Warden. Treasurer.

Service has been held regularly, according to the requirements of the Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church and the Rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer, twice every Sunday, and on every high Festival, at Academy Hall, since Sunday, June 28, 1868.

During the summer of 1868, the number of communicants varied from 100 to 150. During the winter season the number of regular communicants was 5.

The Rector of the parish was advised by the Vestry to make a visit to the city of New-York for the purpose of soliciting funds to aid in erecting the proposed new church. Accordingly he did so in the winter season, when the snow was so deep as to make it difficult to get a congregation together, and for this reason service was intermitted during most of the Lenten season.

The number of Sunday School scholars in regular attendance is 15; unmber of teachers, 5. 3 adults have been baptized, and the subject of confirmation has been brought prominently before the Congregation. The amount of money raised for the building fund during the year is $1,500; present amount on hand, $2,000; additional amount promised, $1,200. For the missionary fund, by collections during summer of 1868, $350.

The Vestry propose to commence the building of Christ Church, North Conway, at once, and hope to have it roofed in if not completed before the winter season of 1869. The estimated cost of the church, according to the plans, drawn by William T. Hallett, Esq., architect, of New-York, is $5,000—the church being about 45 feet by 90 feet; large enough to accommodate 300 to 350 persons. Style, early English.

In addition to the above, the parish now owns a handsome communion service, the gift of Miss Julia Leconey, of New-York; a handsome lectern, the gift of Mrs. William Kingsland, of New-York, in memory of her son Cornelius Kingsland;

beside which, the altar table, chancel chairs, and chancel window of stained glass are provided for—$130 having been raised for the last mentioned object by Miss Annie Hoit, of North Conway. Handsome donations to the building fund, included in the above report, have been received from St. Stephen's Church, Providence; Christ Church, Hartford; Church of the Transfiguration, New-York; and a small contribution from two members of St. Thomas' Church, Dover, N. H. A handsome Bible and Prayer-book have also been donated by Mrs. Joseph Sheffield, of New-Haven, Conn. A lot for the new church was kindly donated by Mrs. Raymond, of Boston.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, HOPKINTON.

The Warden's report: Value of stone church, $2,000—in good repair. No Rector. Services are held in the church through the kindness of Rev. Henry A. Coit, D. D., and gentlemen of St. Paul's School. Parish free of debt.

SAMUEL R. ADAMS,
WILLIAM RESTIEAUX, } Wardens.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, PITTSFIELD.

The Wardens report: Value of church and lot, $3,800; organ, $500. Church closed since June 28, 1868. Parish free of debt.

BENJAMIN EMERSON,
R. P. J. TENNEY, } Wardens.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KEENE.

The Warden's report: Value of real and personal estate, estimatd at $19,000—in good condition. No Rector. Amount paid for occasional services, $553—about one half this sum was paid by individual contributions, and the other half from rent of pews. The balance of the rent from pews was paid for last quarter of the Rector's salary for the previous year, for warming and lighting church, and other expenses. Indebtedness of the parish, $6000; means for liquidating the same, not at hand. At Easter, Rev. Geo. W. Brown came to us as our Rector, and at the end of the present year we hope to have an improved record as a parish.

THOMAS B. KITTREDGE,
WILLIAM P. WHEELER, } Wardens.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Towns.	Parishes.	Rectors.	Baptisms.			Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday Scho'ls.		Missionary Contributions.			Other contributions for religious purposes.
			Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Added.	Died or remov'd.	Present numb'r.				Teachers.	Scholars.	Diocesan.	Domestic.	Foreign.	
Charlestown,	St. Luke's,	Rev. Francis Chase,	6	4	10	4	5	35	..	1	7	8	53	$41.00	$32.51	$10.18	$156.03
Portsmouth,	St. John's,	Rev. Rufus W. Clark, Jr.,	22	4	26	23	20	219	14	5	14	28	236	104.50	101.18	.....	465.59
Concord,	Chapel of St. Paul's School	Rev. Henry A. Coit, D. D.,	6	3	9	22	20	55	15	..	1	2	46	25.00	200.00	35.00	1,055.00
Epping,	St. Philip's,	Rev. Elijah H. Downing,	..	1	1	2	1	17	..	..	5	6	28	13.00	5.00	.....	35.06
Concord,	St. Paul's,	Rev. James H. Eames, D. D.,	5	2	7	7	10	172	7	10	4	11	120	93.75	27.00	.....	597.36
Hanover,	St. Thomas',	Rev. James Haughton,	6	3	9	11	2	30	11	2	1	5	30				
Sanbornton Bridge,	Trinity,	Rev. Marcellus A. Herrick, D. D.,	5	..	5	1	4	64	..	..	3	6	30	5.00			
Claremont,	Trinity,	Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard, D D.,	8	9	17	28	9	173	14	..	..	11	75	75.00	25.00	19.00	265.13
Exeter,	Christ,	Rev. Samuel P. Parker, D. D.,	..	..	..	..	..	30	..	..	..	5	40	60.00	.....	.....	130.00
Dover,	St. Thomas',	Rev. John B. Richmond,	5	2	7	11	2	107	8	2	3	15	90	32.55	.....	.....	943.67
Claremont (West),	Union,	Rev. Henry S. Smith,	5	1	6	4	2	37	8	2	8	4	15	3.75	.....	.....	6.72
Nashua,	St. Luke's,	Vacant.															
Goffstown,	St. Matthew's,	Vacant.															
Walpole (Drewsville),	St. Peter's,	Rev. E. A. Renouf, minister in	4	2	6	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	10.09	5.00	.....	22.64
Walpole,	St. John's,	Vacant. [charge															
North Conway,	Christ,	Rev. Thomas B. Newby,		3								5	15				
Hopkinton,	St. Andrew's,	Vacant.															
Pittsfield,	St. Stephen's,	Vacant.															
Keene,	St. James',	Rev. George W. Brown,	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	5					
Manchester,	Grace,	Vacant.															
Cornish,	Trinity,	Vacant.															
Holderness,	St. Mark's,	Vacant.															
Plainfield,	Grace,	Vacant.															
			75	34	106	113	75	939	77	23	47	111	778	$463.64	$395.69	$64.18	$3,677.19

DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

HORACE A. BROWN, TREASURER,

1868.	IN ACCOUNT WITH THE BISHOP'S FUND.	DR.
May 29.	To balance in hands of Treasurer,	$281.00
May 29.	cash of St. Philip's Church, Epping,	7.00
June 8.	St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield,	5.00
Aug. 8.	St. Luke's Church, Charlestown,	15.00
Aug. 9.	St. John's Church, Walpole,	7.00
Dec. 10.	Trinity Church, Cornish,	30.00
Dec. 10.	From a gentleman in Ohio,	30.00
1869.		
Jan. 20.	St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	7.00
Jan. 20.	St. Matthew's Church, Goffstown,	7.00
Jan. 21.	Christ Church, Exeter,	8.00
Jan. 28.	Grace Church, Manchester,	45.00
Jan. 26.	St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	40.00
Feb. 12.	St. James' Church, Keene,	20.00
Mar. 8.	St. John's Church, Portsmouth,	190.00
Mar. 15.	Trustees of Donations, Boston,	200.00
Mar. 25.	St. Paul's Church, Concord,	70.00
Apr. 10.	St. Peter's Church, Drewsville,	7.00
Apr. 12.	St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	7.00
Apr. 14.	St. Thomas' Church, Hanover (two years),	20.00
Apr. 22.	Trinity Church, Claremont,	80.00
May 24.	Union Church, Claremont (for 1867),	100.00
May 26.	Trinity Church, Sanbornton Br. (for 1867),	15.00
		$1,191.00

1868–9.	CONTRA.	CR.
Paid Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, as per receipts,		$1,168.00
Balance in hands of Treasurer,		$23.00

Due from Trinity Church, Sanbornton,	15.00
Union Church, Claremont,	100.00
Trinity Church, Cornish,	15.00
St. Luke's Church, Nashua,	20.00
St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield,	7.00
From a gentleman,	50.00
Whole amount of arrears,	$207.00

DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

HORACE A. BROWN, Treasurer,

1868.	IN ACCOUNT WITH THE DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.	Dr.
May 29.	To balance in hands of Treasurer,	$58.17
May 29.	cash of St. Philip's Church, Epping,	4.00
June 8.	St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield,	2.00
Aug. 8.	St. Luke's Church, Charlestown,	5.00
Aug. 9.	St. John's Church, Walpole,	4.00
1869.		
Jan. 20.	St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	4.00
Jan. 20.	St. Matthew's Church, Goffstown,	3.00
Jan. 21.	Christ Church, Exeter,	3.00
Jan. 23.	Grace Church, Manchester,	11.00
Jan. 26.	St. Thomas' Church, Dover	11.00
Feb. 12.	St. John's Church, Keene,	9.00
Mar. 3.	St. John's Church, Portsmouth,	35.00
Mar. 25.	St. Paul's Church, Concord,	17.00
Apr. 10.	St. Peter's Church, Drewsville,	4.00
Apr. 12.	St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	4.00
Apr. 14.	St. Thomas' Church, Hanover (two years),	7.00
Apr. 16.	Union Church, Claremont,	16.00
Apr. 20.	Trinity Church, Claremont,	15.00
May 26.	Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge, 1867,	5.00
		$212.17

1868.	CONTRA.		Cr.
May 29.	Paid Wm. Butterfield balance of account,	$41.00	
Aug. 8.	for postage stamps,	2.00	
1869.			
Jan. 5.	for postage stamps and stationery,	1.00	
Mar. 15.	Herman Cope, assessment of General Convention,	80.50	
Apr. 8.	Wm. Butterfield, printing journal of 1868,	66.50	
May 20.	for postage stamps and envelopes,	.50	
May 24.	expenses of commission to Goffstown in January, 1868,	18.00	
			$209.50
	Balance in treasury,		$2.67

Due from	Trinity Church, Cornish,	$8.00
	Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge,	8.00
	St. Luke's Church, Nashua,	9.00
	St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield,	4.00
	Whole amount of arrears,	$29.00

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

FRANCIS CHASE, TREASURER,

1868.	IN ACCOUNT WITH THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.	DR.
June 1.	To balance on hand,	$480.85
June 1.	Savings Bank dividends,	19.88
June 15.	St. Stephen's, Pittsfield,	7.00
1869.		
Apr. 1.	St. Luke's Charlestown,	41.00
Apr. 2.	St. Peter's, Drewsville,	10.00
Apr. 2.	St. James', Keene,	24.37
	St. Philips, Epping,	13.00
	St. Thomas, Dover,	82.55
	St. John's, Portsmouth,	104.50
	St. Matthew's, Goffstown,	6.00
8.	St. Paul's, Concord,	25.00
17.	St. Paul's School, Concord,	25.00
22.	Christ Church, Exeter,	12.00
May 18.	Union Church, Claremont,	8.75
May 18.	Trinity Church, Claremont,	75.00
May 24.	Savings Bank dividends,	19.01
		$898.41

1868.	CONTRA.	CR.
June 5.	By paid Rev. E. H. Downing,	$50.00
July 21.	Rev. Dr. Herrick,	50.00
Dec. 18.	Rev. E. H. Downing,	5.00
1869.		
Jan. 28.	Rev. F. S. Fisher,	93.75
		$198.75
	Balance on hand, May 26,	$699.66

FRANCIS CHASE, TREASURER.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Morning service of the Church shall be performed every day during the session of the Convention.

2. When the President takes the chair, he shall call the Convention to order, and every member shall remain in his seat, unless he rise to address the chair.

3. The President shall speak to points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide the questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convention by any member.

4. When the Convention is equally divided, the President shall decide the question by his vote; and when his vote, if given to the minority, shall make an equal division, it shall also be his duty to vote, and in such case the question shall be lost.

5. When a member is about to speak upon any question, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat and address himself to the President.

6. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

7. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention without leave, if he be able to attend.

8. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without leave of the Convention, nor more than once until every member wishing to speak shall have spoken.

9. Every member who shall be in the Convention when a question is put, shall give his vote, unless excused for special reasons before a division.

10. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President before being debated, and shall be reduced to writing, if so required by the President.

11. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone to a certain time, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely—which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged.

12. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order; that, and the motion to lay on the table, shall always be decided without debate.

13. When a motion has been decided in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member in the majority to move a reconsideration thereof on the same day.

SUNDAYS RECOMMENDED FOR SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.

EASTER SUNDAY—For Diocesan Missions. WHIT-SUNDAY—For aged and infirm Clergy Fund.

NOTICE.

The Seventieth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Hampshire, will be held in St. Thomas' Church, Dover, on the last Wednesday of May, 1870, at 9 o'clock A. M.

HORACE A. BROWN,
Secretary of the Convention.

CONCORD, June, 1869.

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT.

REV. —— ——, RECTOR.

—— ——, } Wardens. —— ——, Clerk.
—— ——, } —— ——, Treasurer.

Baptisms—Infants,		
	Adults,	
Confirmed,		
Communicants—Number last reported,		
	Added by removal,	
	" renew,	
	Lost by removal,	
	" death,	
	Present number,	
Marriages,		
Burials,		
Sunday School—Teachers,		
	Scholars,	
Contributions for Parochial purposes,		00
"	Communion Alms,	00
"	Missions—Diocesan,	00
	Domestic,	00
	Foreign,	00
"	Extra,	00

CERTIFICATE OF LAY DELEGATES.

At the Annual Parish Meeting of —— Church of ——, on the —— day of —— [last or inst.], A— B—, C— D—, and E— F—, were duly elected Delegates to the Convention of this Diocese, to be held at ——, on —— next, and G— H—, I— K—, and L— M—, were also chosen as substitutes.

(Signed) —— ——, *Parish Clerk.*
[Or *Rector* or *Wardens*, as the case may be.]

Diocese of New-Hampshire.

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1870.

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CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

MAY, 1870.

Rev. ROBERT A. BENTON, Deacon, Master in St. Paul's School, Concord.
Rev. GEORGE W. BROWN, Rector of St. James' Church, Keene.
Rev. FRANCIS CHASE, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Charlestown.
Rev. RUFUS W. CLARK, JR., Rector of St. John's Church, Portsmouth.
Rev. HENRY A. COIT, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's School, Concord.
Rev. JOSEPH H. COIT, Vice Rector of St. Paul's School, Concord.
Rev. JAMES H. EAMES, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Concord.
Rev. FREDERICK S. FISHER.
Rev. JOHN HARGATE, Deacon, Master in St. Paul's School, Concord.
Rev. HALL HARRISON, Deacon, Master in St. Paul's School, Concord.
Rev. JAMES HAUGHTON, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Hanover.
Rev. MARCELLUS A. HERRICK, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Tilton.
Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Claremont.
Rev. THOMAS B. NEWBY, Missionary at North Conway.
Rev. SAMUEL P. PARKER, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Exeter.
Rev. EDWARD A. RENOUF, officiating at Drewsville; residence at Keene.
Rev. JOHN B. RICHMOND, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Dover.
Rev. THOMAS G. SALTER, Chaplain in the U. S. Navy.
Rev. LORENZO SEARS, Rector of Grace Church, Manchester.
Rev. HENRY S. SMITH, Rector of Union Church, Claremont.
Rev. WILLIAM B. T. SMITH.

OFFICERS OF THE DIOCESE.

Standing Committee.—Rev. JAMES H. EAMES, D. D., Concord, President; Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, D. D., Rev. HENRY A. COIT, D. D.; WILLIAM L. FOSTER, Concord, Secretary; ALBERT R. HATCH, CHARLES A. TUFTS.

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Delegates to the General Convention.—Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, D. D., Rev. JAMES H. EAMES, D. D., Rev. HENRY A. COIT, D. D., CHARLES A. TUFTS, WILLIAM P. WHEELER, ARNOLD BRIGGS, ALBERT R. HATCH.

Provisional Deputies.—Rev. JAMES HAUGHTON, Rev. JOSEPH H. COIT, Rev. FRANCIS CHASE, WILLIAM L. FOSTER, FRANKLIN LOW, HIRAM WOTKYNS, CHARLES S. EASTMAN.

Board of Diocesan Missions.—THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, *ex officio*, Chairman; Rev. FRANCIS CHASE, Secretary and Treasurer, Charlestown.

Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.—Rev. HENRY A. COIT, D. D., Rev. JAMES H. EAMES, D. D., WILLIAM P. WHEELER.

Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar of the Convention.—HORACE A. BROWN, Concord.

PROCEEDINGS.

St. Thomas' Church, Dover,
Wednesday, May 25, 1870.

This being the day appointed by the Constitution for holding the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Hampshire, several of the clergy and laity assembled at St. Thomas' Church, Dover, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to a resolution passed at the Annual Convention held in the city of Manchester, May 26, 1869.

On Tuesday evening, the Rev. Thomas R. Lambert, D. D., of Charlestown, Mass., preached the Annual Missionary Sermon; Evening Prayer being read by Rev. Messrs. Fisher and Clark.

The Convention was called to order on Wednesday morning by the President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, the Rev. J. H. Eames, D. D., who laid upon the Secretary's table a list of the clergy of the Diocese, canonically members of the Convention, which, being called, the following answered to their names and took seats in the Convention:

Rev. Robert A. Benton;
Rev. George W. Brown;
Rev. Francis Chase;
Rev. Rufus W. Clark, Jr.;
Rev. Henry A. Coit, D. D.;
Rev. Joseph H. Coit;
Rev. James H. Eames, D. D.;
Rev. Frederick S. Fisher;
Rev. John Hargate;
Rev. Hall Harrison;
Rev. James Haughton;
Rev. Marcellus A. Herrick, D. D.;
Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard, D.D.;
Rev. Samuel P. Parker, D. D.;
Rev. Edward A. Renouf;
Rev. John B. Richmond;
Rev. Lorenzo Sears;
Rev. Henry S. Smith.

The certificates of Lay Delegates were presented, and referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Clark and Renouf, and Mr. Charles A. Tufts, who subsequently reported the following persons as entitled to seats in the Convention:

St. James' Church, Keene,.....William P. Wheeler,
*Simon G. Griffin,
Thomas B. Kittredge.

St. Luke's Church, Charlestown,.....George Olcott,
*E. Gilbert Spencer,
*Luther R. Aldrich.

St. John's Church, Portsmouth,.....Lory Odell,
Albert R. Hatch,
Lyman D. Spalding.

St. Paul's Church, Concord,.....William L. Foster,
Franklin Low,
John M. Hill.

St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,.....*Thomas R. Crosby,
*William H. Duncan,
Abiel Leonard.

Trinity Church, Tilton,.....Asa P. Cate,
*John F. Taylor,
*Charles C. Rogers.

Trinity Church, Claremont,.....Arnold Briggs,
George L. Balcom,
John L. Farwell.

Christ Church, Exeter,.....*Samuel B. Swett,
George W. Dearborn,
*George G. Smith.

St. Peter's Church, Drewsville,.....Hope Lathrop,
John Redding,
Augustus L. Maynard.

St. Thomas' Church, Dover,.....Charles A. Tufts,
John C. Varney,
Charles W. Woodman.

Grace Church, Manchester,.....H. C. Sanderson,
John Truesdale,
John Cayzer.

St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,.....Horace Chase,
*Samuel R. Adams,
Lewis N. Chase.

St. Luke's Church, Nashua,.....*Charles Cunningham,
*John Hinton,
James S. P. Otterson.

St. John's Church, Walpole,.....*Hiram Wotkyns,
*George Huntington.

St. Philip's Church, Epping,.....*James B. Pearson,
Henry F. Hoit,
John A. Hodgdon.

St. Matthew's Church, Goffstown,.....*William H. Hart,
Rodney Johnson,
*Robert R. Richardson.

*Not present.

On motion of Mr. Charles A. Tufts, proceeded to elect a President of the Convention. The Chair appointed Rev. Hall Harrison and Mr. Lyman D. Spalding tellers, who, on counting the votes, reported the Rev. JAMES H. EAMES, D. D., elected.

Mr. HORACE A. BROWN, of Concord, was reëlected Secretary.

Mr. Arnold Briggs offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That clergymen officiating in this Diocese, not canonically members of this Convention, and clergymen of other Dioceses, and candidates for orders, who may be present, be admitted to seats in this Convention.

Under this resolution, there was present the Rev. Thomas R. Lambert, D. D., of the Diocese of Massachusetts.

The Rev. Hall Harrison introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention, as permitted by Title I, Canon 13, § XV, ¶ 2, of the Digest of the Canons, does hereby place the Diocese of New-Hampshire "under the full Episcopal charge and authority" of the Rt. Rev. HENRY A. NEELY, D. D., Bishop of Maine, until a new Bishop be consecrated; and that a committee of two Presbyters be appointed to wait upon the Bishop and lay before him a certified copy of this resolution, with the request of the Convention that he will take the chair, according to Article 7 of the Constitution of this Diocese.

The Rev. Drs. Hubbard and Parker were appointed said committee, and, Bishop Neely being present, conducted him to the chair, who thanked the Convention for the trust thus conferred, and said he accepted it with the express understanding that a Bishop be elected without unnecessary delay.

Voted, on motion of Rev. Mr. Renouf, that the election of Bishop be made the special order at three o'clock this afternoon.

The Rev. Dr. Coit offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Rt. Rev. Chairman of the Convention be requested to appoint a committee of clergy and laity, of any number he deems expedient, to prepare resolutions to express the feelings of the Convention at the great loss they have sustained in the death of the late Bishop, and to present them this afternoon to the Convention before any other action is taken.

The President appointed the Rev. Drs. Coit, Hubbard and Herrick, and Messrs. Asa P. Cate and Charles A. Tufts said committee.

The President appointed the following

COMMITTEES:

On Finance—Rev. Dr. Herrick, Messrs. Arnold Briggs and Charles A. Tufts.

On Constitution and Canons—Rev. Dr. Coit, Rev. Francis Chase, and Mr. Lory Odell.

On New Parishes—Rev. James Haughton, Rev. E. A. Renouf, and Mr. William P. Wheeler.

On Nominations—Rev. Dr. Parker, Rev. J. B. Richmond, and Mr. John L. Farwell.

On New Business—Rev. Dr. Hubbard, Rev. Rufus W. Clark, Jr., and Mr. George Olcott.

Mr. Horace Chase offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration and report the order in which the several churches in this Diocese shall be enrolled.

The Rev. Dr. Eames, and Messrs. Chase and Brown were appointed said committee.

Mr. Horace A. Brown was reëlected Treasurer of the Convention, and also of the Bishop's Fund.

On motion, the Convention adjourned for divine service, and to reassemble at two o'clock this afternoon.

[Morning Prayer was read by Rev. Dr. Hubbard, and Rev. Messrs. Haughton, Coit, Chase and Smith. The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Bishop of Maine; Rev. Dr. Coit reading the Epistle and Rev. Dr. Eames the Gospel. The Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Parker.]

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2 o'clock P. M.

The Convention met agreeably to adjournment.

The Rev. Dr. Coit announced that the special committee, appointed in the morning, were ready to report, when the

Convention rose and remained standing, while he read as follows:

WHEREAS, the Convention of this Diocese meets at this time, deprived of its head and Bishop, and it is befitting that we express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our affectionate remembrance of him who for twenty-five years has met with us in council as our chief Pastor; therefore—

Resolved, That this Convention deeply deplore the death of the Rt. Rev. CARLTON CHASE, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of New-Hampshire, and desire to place on permanent record, as a body, their appreciation of his many personal excellencies, the wisdom, patience and forbearance which characterized his administration of the Diocese, the uniform gentleness and courtesy of his deportment in all his intercourse with the clergy and laity, his sound and conservative churchmanship, and the dignity, simplicity and goodness which marked his character.

Resolved, That having already paid all the usual marks of respect to the name and memory of our departed Bishop, it only remains for us to cherish his good example as a precious part of our inheritance in this branch of Christ's Church, and to pray that we may, each of us, in his vocation and ministry, follow him as he followed Christ.

Resolved, That the expenses of the funeral having been assumed by the standing committee in behalf of the Diocese, those expenses be defrayed by this Convention.

The Secretary called the roll, when Bishop Neely laid before the Convention the following:

[*From the Minutes of the late Bishop of New-Hampshire.*]

June 2, 1869. Received notice from Bishop Kip of the deposition from the ministry of J. J. Talbott, Presbyter.

June 4. Licensed Frederick Thompson as a lay reader and catechist at North Conway and parts adjacent.

June 10. By letter dimissory from the Ecclesiastical authority of New-York, I received Rev. Thomas Newby as a Presbyter of this Diocese. Gave notice of acceptance; also informed Mr. Newby.

June 28. On recommendation of standing committee, admitted Solomon W. Young as candidate for orders.

August 1. Made a visitation to Trinity Church, Claremont, and confirmed five persons—the rector, the Rev. I. G. Hubbard, D. D., assisting in the service. The Rev. Mr. Cumming, of Missouri, delivering the sermon.

September 1. Received notice from Bishop Whipple of the deposition from the ministry of John W. Shatzel.

September 5. Visited St. Luke's Church, Charlestown, and confirmed seven persons.

September 12. Visited St. Peter's Church, Drewsville, and confirmed four persons — the Rev. Francis Vinton, D. D., of New-York, delivering the sermon.

September 20. Gave a letter dimissory in favor of Rev. William J. Harris, to the Diocese of Vermont.

September 28. Received notice of the acceptance thereof.

September 22. Requested Bishop Neely, of Maine, to visit several churches in the eastern portion of the Diocese.

September 30. At the instance of Rev. Dr. Coit, desired him to request Bishop Kerfoot to perform Episcopal offices in this Diocese, epecially at St. Paul's school and its field of labor.

October 20. Bishop Neely, of Maine, reports the following Episcopal services performed by him in this Diocese, at my request:

Saturday, October 16. Consecrated St. John's Church, Dunbarton.

Sunday, October 17. Consecrated, or rather re-dedicated, without sentence of consecration, the chapel at St. Paul's School.

Monday, October 18. Laid the corner-stone for the new building for St. Paul's School.

October 30. Gave to Rev. Thomas B. Newby my consent to his resignation of the missionary work at North Conway.

November 4. Requested Bishop Bissell to officiate and administer confirmation at Hanover.

November 11. On recommendation of the standing committee, I admitted Charles Adams Morrill and Frank S. Harraden as candidates for orders, and gave them notice accordingly.

November 15. Gave my consent to the dissolution of the pastoral connection of Rev. E. H. Downing with St. Philip's Church, Epping.

November 18. Received the sad news of the death, at Faribault Seminary, of Henry W. Judge, a candidate for orders in this Diocese—a most promising young man.

December 18. Examined with approval William B. T. Smith for Deacon's orders.

December 19. Ordained William B. T. Smith to the Diaconate, with the assistance of his father, Rev. H. S. Smith, and Rev. I. G. Hubbard, D. D., in Trinity Church, Claremont.

December 23. Nominated Rev. S. P. Parker, D. D., and Rev. James Haughton, as Missionaries of the General Domestic Board in this Diocese.

December 28. Received notice of the election of Rev. Lorenzo Sears to the rectorship of Grace Church, Manchester.

December 28. Gave consent to the consecration of Rev. H. N. Pierce, as Missionary Bishop of Arkansas.

January 1, 1870. Sent to Rev. E. H. Downing a letter dimissory to the Diocese of Illinois.

[*Episcopal Acts in New-Hampshire, by Bishop Neely, during the last Conventional Year.*]

1869—October 16. Consecrated St. John's Church, Dunbarton, and preached the sermon.

Sunday, October 17. Re-consecrated chapel of St. Paul's School, made an address, and administered the Holy Communion. On the same day, preached at St. John's, Dunbarton, and assisted at Evening Prayer at the chapel of St. Paul's.

October 18. St. Luke's Day. Laid the corner-stone of new building for St. Paul's School.

December 19. In Trinity Church, Sanbornton Bridge, confirmed twelve persons, presented by the rector, the Rev. Dr. Herrick.

1870—January 10. In Christ's Church, Exeter, preached, and confirmed two persons.

May 18. In St. Paul's Church, Concord, preached, and confirmed four persons, and afterward addressed them.

May 19. In St. Paul's School, preached, and confirmed nineteen persons (fourteen being students in the school).

May 20. In St. James' Church, Keene, preached, and confirmed thirteen persons, and made an address.

May 21. In St. Peter's, Drewsville, preached, and confirmed one person.

May 22. In Trinity Church, Claremont, preached, and confirmed fifteen persons and made an address.

Monday, May 23. In St. Thomas' Church, Hanover, preached, and confirmed nine persons (four of whom were students in Dartmouth College).

The Treasurer of the Convention and Bishop's Fund presented reports, which were read and referred to the Committee on Finance. (See Appendix.)

Parochial and Wardens' reports were presented, and the latter referred to the Committee on Finance.

The secretary of the standing committee submitted the following:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

To the Seventieth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in and for the Diocese of New-Hampshire:

The standing committee of the Diocese, through its Secretary, makes report of its transactions during the past year, as follows:

At the Annual Convention of the Diocese, held in Grace Church, Manchester, May 26, 1869, the following named gentlemen were chosen the Standing Committee of the Diocese for the year ensuing: Rev. James H. Eames, D. D., of Concord; Rev. Henry A. Coit, D. D., of Concord; Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard, D. D., of Claremont; Messrs. Charles A. Tufts, of Dover; Albert R. Hatch, of Portsmouth; William L. Foster, of Concord.

At a meeting of the committee, held the same day, Rev. James H. Eames, D. D., was chosen President, and William L. Foster, Secretary.

On the twenty-fifth of June, 1869, the committee signed the testimonials of Solomon W. Young, a candidate for Holy Orders.

On the nineteenth of October, 1869, the committee signed the testimonials of Frank S. Haraden, a candidate for Holy Orders.

On the twenty-sixth of October, 1869, the committee signified their consent to the consecration of Rev. Henry Niles Pierce, D. D., as Missionary Bishop for the Territory of Arkansas, &c.

On the first of November, 1869, the committee signed the testimonials of Charles A. Merrill, a candidate for Holy Orders.

On the twenty-ninth of November, 1869, the committee signed the testimonials of Wm. Benjamin Tyng Smith, a candidate for the Diaconate.

Information being received of the death, on the eighteenth of January, 1870, of our beloved Bishop, the committee assembled on the twenty-second of January, and adopted the following resolutions, presented by the President, Rev. Dr. Eames:

WHEREAS, it hath pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to take out of this world the soul of our Right Reverend Father in God, CARLTON CHASE, D. D., Bishop of this Diocese; therefore—

Resolved, That we, the standing committee, in behalf of ourselves and of this Diocese, desire hereby to give expression of our deep respect and warm affection for our departed Bishop.

Resolved, That we shall ever hold him in grateful memory, as a faithful Bishop, a judicious counselor, a reliable friend and a good man; as one whose wise and faithful ministrations, and

eminently conservative theology, have advanced the interests of the Diocese, and whose courtesy and kindness have endeared him to both clergy and laity.

Resolved, That we sincerely sympathize with the family of our deceased Bishop, and pray that the God of all consolation may lift upon them the light of his countenance and give them peace.

Resolved, That the standing committee recommend to the clergy of the Diocese that the usual badge of mourning be worn by the clergy, and that the churches of the Diocese be draped in mourning during the space of thirty days from and after the day of the funeral.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the records of the committee, and that a copy thereof be sent to the family of the deceased.

The committee, at the same meeting, invited the Rt. Rev. Henry A. Neely, Bishop of the Diocese of Maine, to visit and perform Episcopal offices in this Diocese, until the next meeting of the annual Diocese Convention.

Bishop Neely was graciously pleased to accept this invitation, and the Church, in this Diocese, is under obligation to him for the kind and faithful performance of the Episcopal functions in the Diocese during the period since the decease of our late Bishop down to the present time.

On the twenty-second of January, 1870, a letter dimissory of Rev. Lorenzo Sears, from the Bishop of Rhode-Island, was received, which was accepted by the Committee, and notification thereof was made to the Bishop of Rhode-Island.

On the twenty-eighth of February, notice was received from the Missionary Bishop of Nebraska and Dakota of the deposition of Rev. Charles H. Rice, Presbyter, from the ministry of the Church.

At the same date, by vote of the committee, the President was authorized to draw upon the Treasurer of the Trustees of Donations, &c., in Boston, for the sum of one hundred dollars, for the purpose of paying arrearage of the salary of the Rector at Sanbornton Bridge.

The committee have received notice, under date of May 2d, from the Bishop of Long Island, of the depostion from the ministry of A. McElroy Wylie, late a Presbyter of that Diocese.

WM. L. FOSTER, *Secretary*.

CONCORD, May 24, 1870.

The Rev. Mr. Haughton, from the Committee on New Parishes, reported adversely to the admission of the parish at

North Conway, for lack of the required certificate of the standing committee.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Eames, the special order, being the election of a Bishop, was taken from the table. The President read Article 10 of the Constitution of this Diocese, and briefly addressed the Convention, and suggested the propriety of prayer before entering upon the solemn duty before them.

After devotional exercises the clergy retired, and subsequently, through the Rev. Dr. Parker, reported the result of the first balloting, as follows:

Rev. Henry A. Coit, D. D.,	11
Rev. Eugene A. Hoffman, D. D.,	5
Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard, D. D.,	1

The lay delegates, through their chairman, Mr. Charles A. Tufts, made the following report of their vote upon concurring with the nomination of the Rev. Henry A. Coit, D. D., made by the clergy:

For concurring,	4
Against concurring,	10

It being announced by the President of the Convention that the lay delegates had non-concurred in the nomination, the Rev. Dr. Coit briefly addressed the Convention, withdrawing his name, and counseling union and good feeling.

The clergy proceeded to another ballot, each one voting at the table as his name was called by the Secretary.

SECOND BALLOT.

Whole number of votes cast, 17; necessary to a choice, 9.

Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard, D. D., had	1
Rev. William W. Niles,	1
Rev. Dr. Jackson,	1
Rev. Dr. Paddock,	3
Rev. Henry A. Coit, D. D.,	5
Rev. E. A. Hoffman, D. D.,	6

—and there was no choice.

THIRD BALLOT.

Rev. William W. Niles had	1
Rev. Dr. Paddock,	3

Rev. Henry A. Coit, D. D., ... 6
Rev. E. A. Hoffman, D. D., ... 7
—and there was no choice.

FOURTH BALLOT.

Rev. William W. Niles had 1
Rev. Dr. Paddock, ... 2
Rev. E. A. Hoffman, D. D., ... 5
Rev. Henry A. Coit, D. D., ... 8
—and there was no choice.

FIFTH BALLOT.

Rev. William W. Niles had 1
Rev. Dr. Hubbard, ... 1
Rev. Dr. Paddock, ... 3
Rev. Dr. Hoffman, ... 5
Rev. Dr. Coit, ... 6
—and there was no choice.

SIXTH BALLOT.

Rev. Dr. Paddock had 2
Rev. Dr. Hubbard, ... 2
Rev. Dr. Hoffman, ... 6
Rev. Dr. Coit, ... 7
—and there was no choice.

On motion, the clergy had leave to withdraw for consultation.

The Rev. Mr. Renouf, on behalf of a committee of the clergy, announced that they had appointed a committee of conference, consisting of the Rev. Drs. Hubbard and Herrick, and the Rev. Mr. Renouf, and requested a like committee on the part of the laity; and Messrs. Wheeler, Hatch, Tufts, Cate and Truesdale, were joined.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 8 o'clock, evening.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order at 8 o'clock by Bishop Neely.

The Rev. Dr. Parker, on behalf of the clergy, announced the result of the seventh ballot, as follows:

Rev. John A. Paddock, D. D., ...	1
Rev. Charles W. Rankin, ...	2
Prof. William W. Niles, ...	13

The laity withdrew, and subsequently, through Mr. Charles A. Tufts, reported that they had unanimously concurred in the selection of the Rev. William W. Niles, of the Diocese of Connecticut, as Bishop of this Diocese.

Bishop Neely then announced that the Rev. WILLIAM WOODRUFF NILES had been chosen Bishop of New-Hampshire, and congratulated the Convention upon the choice they had made.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Coit, the choice of Bishop was made unanimous, on the part of the clergy.

On motion of the Rev. Joseph H. Coit, the Rev. Dr. Parker and the Rev. Francis Chase were appointed a committee to notify the Bishop elect of his election.

On motion of Mr. Hatch, the Finance Committee were instructed to inquire and report the compensation to be paid the Bishop of Maine for his services in this Diocese.

The Rev. Mr. Richmond offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a copy of the very able Convention Sermon of the Rev. Dr. Parker be requested for publication by the Convention, and in such a form as to be made available for general distribution.

The Rev. Francis Chase offered the following:

Resolved, That a committee of two clergymen and five laymen be appointed by the President to take into consideration the question of the support of the Bishop elect, and to report to this Convention.

The resolution was adopted, and the Rev. Dr. Eames, Rev. E. A. Renouf, and Messrs. Tufts, Olcott, Farwell, Low and Hatch, were appointed said committee.

The Rev. Dr. Hubbard, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New-Hampshire, stated to the Convention that the corporation had nominated Mr. Arthur Chase, of Claremont, as a member of the board, and asked the Convention to confirm the nomination.

On motion, the nomination of Mr. Chase was confirmed.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to elect a Standing Committee. The Chair appointed Rev. Mr. Hargate and Mr. Charles A. Tufts as tellers, who announced the following named gentlemen as elected: Rev. Drs. Eames, Coit and Hubbard; Messrs. William L. Foster, Albert R. Hatch and Charles A. Tufts.

The Rev. Mr. Chase offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That as soon as the testimonials of the Bishop elect shall have been signed, the Convention adjourn till the close of divine service, to-morrow morning.

The Canonical Testimonial in favor of the consecration of the Bishop elect was then signed by the members of the Convention, of which the following is a copy:

DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

TESTIMONY FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION.

We, whose names are under-written, fully sensible how important it is that the sacred office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion, without partiality or affection, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that the Reverend WILLIAM WOODRUFF NILES, Professor in Trinity College, Hartford, Ct., is not, so far as we are informed, justly liable to evil report, either for error in religion, or for viciousness in life; and that we do not know or believe there is any impediment, on account of which he ought not to be consecrated to that holy office.

We do, moreover, jointly and severally, declare that we do, in our conscience, believe him to be of such sufficiency in good learning, such soundness in the faith, and of such virtuous and pure manners and godly conversation, that he is apt and meet to exercise the office of a Bishop to the honor of God, and the edifying of his Church, and to be a wholesome example to the flock of Christ.

CLERGY.

Henry A. Coit,	James Haughton,	M. A. Herrick,
Hall Harrison,	Henry S. Smith,	Sam'l P. Parker,
Edward A. Renouf,	James H. Eames,	Isaac G. Hubbard,
John B. Richmond,	Francis Chase,	Joseph H. Coit.
Rufus W. Clark, jr.,	Frederick S. Fisher,	

LAITY.

Geo. L. Balcom,	Asa P. Cate,	Rodney Johnson,
Tho's B. Kittredge,	Arnold Briggs,	John M. Hill,
A. F. Maynard,	George Olcott,	Franklin Low,
John Redding,	Ja's P. S. Otterson,	Lyman D. Spalding,
Abiel Leonard,	Henry C. Sanderson,	Lory Odell,
Charles A. Tufts,	John Truesdale,	Albert R. Hatch,
C. W. Woodman,	Wm. P. Wheeler,	Wm. L. Foster.
John C. Varney,	John Cayzer,	

The Secretary then affixed to the Testimonial his certificate, which is as follows:

DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

TESTIMONY FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE CONVENTION.

I, HORACE A. BROWN, Secretary of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Hampshire, do hereby certify that, at the Annual Convention of said Diocese, held in St. Thomas' Church, Dover, on the twenty-fifth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy, the Reverend WILLIAM WOODRUFF NILES, Professor in Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, was duly and canonically elected to the office of Bishop of the aforesaid Diocese of New-Hampshire; and that he was announced and declared to be thus elected by the President of the Convention, the Right Rev. HENRY A. NEELY, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Maine, having Episcopal charge of the Diocese of New-Hampshire by vote of its Convention, agreeably to Title I, Canon 13, § 15, ¶ 2.

Attest:

HORACE A. BROWN, *Secretary.*

DOVER, May 25, 1870.

Bishop Neely announced to the Convention the death of the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, Bishop of Wisconsin, and paid a touching tribute to his memory.

The "Gloria in Excelsis" was sung, as a thanksgiving for the election of a Bishop; the benediction was pronounced by the President, and the Convention adjourned to Thursday morning.

THURSDAY MORNING—ASCENSION DAY.

Divine service was held at eight o'clock, at the close of which the Convention resumed business.

Mr. Hatch, on behalf of the committee on the support of the Bishop, made a report, which, on motion of Rev. Mr. Chase, was laid on the table till an effort be here made to raise money for this purpose by private subscription.

On motion of the Rev. Hall Harrison, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed by the Chair to draw up an Order of Proceedings of the Convention, and report the same to the next Convention.

The President appointed the Rev. Mr. Harrison, the Rev. Dr. Herrick, and the Rev. Mr. Hargate, said Committee.

The Rev. Francis Chase submitted the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, the proprietor of the *Church Journal*, New-York, proposes to print the Sermon of the Rev. Dr. Parker in its columns, at an early day, and furnish to the Convention such number of copies of the same, in pamphlet form, at cost price, as the Convention shall order; therefore—

Resolved, That the offer be accepted, and that —— copies thereof be the number desired, to be distributed by the Secretary of the Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Parker, on behalf of the Committee on Nominations, recommended that the next Convention be held in St. Luke's Church, Charlestown; and that the Rev. Rufus W. Clark, Jr., preach the Convention Sermon, and the Rev. Lorenzo Sears be his substitute; and that the Rev. John B. Richmond preach the Missionary Sermon, and the Rev. James Haughton be his substitute. Adopted.

On motion, the Convention then voted to resolve itself into Board of Missions:

[In the Board of Missions the Treasurer presented his report, which will be found in the Appendix. The Rev. Francis Chase was reëlected Secretary and Treasurer of the Board.]

The Board of Missions having adjourned, the business of the Convention was resumed.

On motion, the Rev. Hall Harrison was chosen Secretary *pro tem.*, the Secretary being obliged to leave the Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Herrick, on behalf of the Finance Committee, reported the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Horace A. Brown, Secretary of this Convention, be authorized to assess the several parishes of this Diocese *pro rata* on the basis of the assessment of 1869, to cover the expenses of this Convention, and of the funeral of the late Bishop, and whatever deficiencies are otherwise unprovided for.

The report of the Committee on support of the Bishop of the Diocese was taken from the table, and the following resolutions by the Rev. Dr. Parker, were substituted for the original report:

Resolved, That the annual salary of the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of this Diocese be $2,500.

Resolved, That there be assessed upon the several parishes of this Diocese the sum of $1,250 toward the above named amount.

Resolved, That the subject of the Bishop's salary be committed to the Standing Committee, and that they be requested to correspond with the parishes, and ascertain, as soon as practicable, what sum each will contribute, and that they have power to take such other action in the premises as they may think proper.

[The following table of assessments for the Bishop's salary is furnished by the Standing Committee. The assessments for Convention expenses are made by the Secretary:]

At a meeting of the Standing Committee, July 29, 1870, it was

Voted, That, in accordance with a resolution of the Diocesan Convention, the sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars be assessed upon the parishes of the Diocese in the sums and proportion following, respectively, for the payment, to that extent, of the Bishop's salary for the year commencing July 1, 1870:

	Expenses.	Bishop's Salary.
St. John's Church, Portsmouth (including tithes),	$50.00	$285.00
Union Church, West Claremont (including tithes),	24.00	100.00
Trinity Church, Claremont,	20.00	180.00
St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	12.00	90.00
St. Paul's Church, Concord,	20.00	145.00
Trinity Church, Cornish,	4.00	30.00
St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	4.00	20.00
St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	4.00	20.00
Grace Church, Manchester,	12.00	100.00
St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	4.00	25.00
St. Luke's Church, Nashua,	10.00	40.00
St. James' Church, Keene,	10.00	55.00
Trinity Church, Tilton,	10.00	35.00
St. Philip's Church, Epping,	4.00	15.00
St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield,	4.00	15.00
St. John's Church, Walpole,	4.00	15.00
St. Peter's Church, Drewsville,	4.00	15.00
St. Luke's Church, Charlestown,	6.00	30.00
Christ Church, Exeter,	4.00	20.00
St. Matthew's Church, Goffstown,	4.00	15.00
	$214.00	$1,250.00

WM. L. FOSTER, *Sec'y of Standing Committee.*

The following resolution, submitted by the Rev. Dr. Hubbard, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a memorial pamphlet of our late Bishop, containing an account of the funeral services, with addresses, and a biographical sketch, which is ready for publication, be published with the sanction of this Convention, and that the parishes be requested to designate the number of copies which they desire.

The Rev. Dr. Herrick offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Convention be instructed to request the Rt. Rev. Bishop Neely to accept the sum of $600 for his Episcopal services in this Diocese.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Coit, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention are hereby presented to the Bishop of Maine for his various Episcopal offices, and in particular for his presence and kind and valuable counsel as President of the Convention.

The following resolution, submitted by the Rev. Mr. Benton, was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be voted to St. Thomas' Parish, Dover, for the use of the rooms in which their various meetings have been held; and also to the parishioners of St. Thomas', and to the citizens of Dover, for their hospitality to the members of the Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Chase, it was

Resolved, That all moneys contributed by parishes for missionary purposes in this Diocese, be reported to the Treasurer of the Board of Diocesan Missions for record.

Mr. Horace Chase, on behalf of the Committee on the Enrollment of Parishes, submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

**Resolved*, That hereafter the several parishes in this Diocese be enrolled in the order of their respective dates of permanent organization.

No further business offering, after the usual devotions, conducted by the Rt. Rev. President, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

Attest:

HORACE A. BROWN, *Secretary*.

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* NOTE. Rectors of parishes, or officers in charge of the records, are desired to send to the Secretary of the Convention, as soon as may be, the date of the permanent organization of their respective parishes.

The subjoined is published for information:

To the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of New-Hampshire:

In compliance with the requirements of § III, of Canon 1, of Title III, of the Digest, I would hereby give particular notice that the following alteration of the Constitution of the Church is proposed, to wit, that comprised in the resolution subjoined, said resolution having been adopted by a constitutional majority of both Houses of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in October, A. D. 1868:

Resolved, That the alteration of the Constitution recommended in the following resolution be proposed, and that the same be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions, in pursuance of Article 9 of the Constitution: namely,

Resolved, That Article 5 of the Constitution be amended so as to read as follows: namely:

A Protestant Episcopal Church in any of the United States, or any territory thereof, not now represented, may, at any time hereafter be admitted on acceding to this Constitution; and a new Diocese, to be formed from one or more existing Dioceses, may be admitted under the following restrictions: namely,

No new Dioceses shall be formed or erected within the limits of any other Diocese, nor shall any Diocese be formed by the junction of two or more Dioceses, or parts of Dioceses, unless with the consent of the Bishop and Convention of each of the Dioceses concerned, as well as of the General Convention, and such consent shall not be given by the General Convention until it has satisfactory assurance of a suitable provision for the support of the Episcopate in the contemplated new Diocese.

No such new Diocese shall be formed which shall contain less than six parishes, or less than six presbyters who have been for at least one year canonically resident within the bounds of such new Diocese, regularly settled in a parish or congregation, and qualified to vote for a Bishop. Nor shall such new Diocese be formed if thereby any existing Diocese shall be so reduced as to contain less than twelve parishes, or less than twelve presbyters who have been residing therein and settled and qualified as above mentioned; provided that no city shall form more than one Diocese.

In case one Diocese shall be divided into two or more Dioceses, the Diocesan of the Diocese divided may elect the one to which he will be attached, and shall thereupon become the Diocesan thereof, and the Assistant Bishop, if there be one, may elect the one to which he will be attached; and if it be not the one elected by the Bishop he shall be the Diocesan thereof.

Whenever the division of a Diocese into two or more Dioceses shall be ratified by the General Convention, each of the Dioceses shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese so divided, except as local circumstances may prevent, until the same may be altered in either Diocese by the Convention thereof. And whenever a Diocese shall be formed out of two or more existing Dioceses, the new Diocese shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of that one of the said existing Dioceses to which the greater number of clergymen shall have belonged prior to the erection of such new Diocese, until the same may be altered by the Convention of the new Diocese.

In testimony whereof I have this day hereunto affixed my name,

WILLIAM STEVENS PERRY,

Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

GENEVA, N. Y., May 1, 1870.

CORRECTION. On the 13th page, substitute the name of *Dr. Eames* for Dr. Hubbard, in the Conference Committee reported by the Rev. Mr. Renouf.

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KEENE.

REV. G. W. BROWN, RECTOR.

T. B. KITTREDGE, W. P. WHEELER, } Wardens. O. G. DORT, Clerk. D. H. WARD, Treasurer.

Baptisms: infant, 3; adult, 4—total, 7. Confirmed, 13. Communicants: number last reported, 49; added by removal, 8; added anew, 13; lost by death, 1—present number, 69. Marriages, 2. Burials, 1. Contributions: parochial purposes, $2,893.21; communion alms, $87.90; missions—Diocesan, $25; domestic, $10.21; foreign, $7.30.

During the year the spire has been built, and a bell of great power and richness of tone, weighing 3,142 lbs., placed in the tower—the gift of Mr. and Mrs. David Henshaw Ward. A new and beautiful altar has been placed in the chancel; the chancel furnished with elegant prayer-books, and the Rector presented with cassock and surplice. To God be all the praise. Amen.

[The Wardens report: Value of church, $20,000—in good repair; salary paid Rector, $1,400; incidental expenses, about $600—about $800 of which is derived from pew rents, the balance from subscriptions. Indebtedness, $4,300; means for liquidating the same not at hand. The parish have raised and expended about $2,500 in the completion of the church tower and spire. The St. James Charitable Fund of $50, the offering of our former Rector's wife, has an accumulation of interest of $13.16.]

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CHARLESTOWN.

REV. FRANCIS CHASE, RECTOR.

PORTER SPENCER, STEPHEN A. SPOONER, } Wardens. GEORGE OLCOTT, Clerk and Treasurer.

Baptisms: infant, 8; adult, 6—total, 14. Confirmed, 7. Communicants: number last reported, 35; added by removal, 1; added anew, 5; lost by removal, 5—present number, 36. Marriages, 4. Burials, 4. Sunday School: teachers, 8; scholars, 53. Contributions: parochial purposes, $33; communion alms, $16.24; missions—Diocesan, $15.20; domestic, $28.59; foreign, $14.75.

The enlargement of our church edifice was completed soon after the last Convention, and on the second of July it was reopened for divine service. Since then our average congregation has increased about one third. In August it was thought best to purchase a bell. One was accordingly obtained, and has ever since done its joyful duty in summoning the people to praise and prayer. The music of the church during the past year has been led by a choir of young girls, who, having been efficiently trained, are becoming excellent singers, and are doing excellent service.

[The Wardens report: Value of church, $7,000, and in good condition. Salary of Rector, $1,000; incidental expenses, $85 — derived from pew rents, $729; Church lands, $80; ladies' society, $276. No debt.]

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH.

REV. RUFUS W. CLARK, JR., RECTOR.

JOHN R. REDING, HENRY F. WENDELL, } Wardens. JOHN W. FERNALD, Clerk. JOSHUA W. PIERCE, Treasurer.

Baptisms: infant, 23; adult, 4—total, 27. Confirmed, 10; Communicants: number last reported, 219; added by removal, 14; added anew, 12; lost by removal, 5; lost by death, 3—present number, 236. Marriages, 8. Burials, 12. Sunday School: teachers, 30; scholars, 240. Contributions: communion alms, $243.60; missions—Diocesan, 120; domestic, $55; foreign, $15.50; extra, St. Thomas' Church, Hanover, $40; city missions, $60; Christmas festival, $90; Sunday school purposes, $69.50; Christmas collection, $90; other contributions, $362.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CONCORD.

REV. JAMES H. EAMES, D. D., RECTOR.

HORACE A. BROWN, FRANKLIN LOW, } Wardens. ABEL HUTCHINS, Clerk. CHALES MINOT, Treasurer.

Baptisms—infant, 6; adult, 3—total, 9. Confirmed, 4. Communicants: number last reported, 172; added anew, 4; lost by removal 3; lost by death, 5—present number, 168. Marriages, 9. Burials 12. Sunday School: teachers, 11; scholars 125. Contributions: parochial purposes, $95.51; missions: Diocesan, $138; domestic, $41; extra, $45—total, $319.51.

[The Wardens report: Value of property, $28,000. Salary of Rector, $1,500; other expenses, $665—derived from subscriptions and pew rents. No debt.]

CHAPEL OF SAINT PAUL'S SCHOOL, CONCORD, N. H.

Baptisms: infants, 12 (of whom two are reported elsewhere); adults, 2—total, 14. Confirmed, 19. Communicants: number last reported, 55; added by removal, 6; added anew, 14; lost by removal, 10—pres-

ent number, 65. Marriages, 3. Burials, 3. Sunday School: teachers, 3; scholars (including the orphans), 56. Contributions: in the the Diocese—Diocesan missions, $25; to Hanover, $268.68; to Concord, for a chapel, $50; domestic missions, $200; missions in Maine, $10; Northern New-York, $50; Kansas, $50; Colorado $100; Florida, $10; Minnesota, $16; Nashotah, $50: St. Stephen's mission, Dr. Wells, $60; Orphan's Home, $200; scholarship endowment fund, $221.77—total, $1,311.45.

HENRY A. COIT.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, HANOVER.

REV. JAMES NAUGHTON, RECTOR.

——— ———, } Wardens. W. F. MACK, Clerk.
S. W. COBB, } S. W. COBB, Treasurer.

Baptisms: infant, 9; adult, 7—total, 16. Confirmed, 10 (one from Vermont). Communicants: number last reported, 30; added anew, 9; lost by removal, 2—present number, 37. Burials, 1. Sunday School: teachers, 5; scholars, 34. Contributions: parochial purposes, $471.96; missions—Diocesan, $24.

The rectory was finished and occupied about Christmas time. The morning attendance from the college is fifty; that of the evening generally much larger. The congregation from the village increases. A new church is needed. Missions are now carried on at White River Junction, Norwich and Lebanon, several of the students assisting as lay readers. A church society is organizing in the college to assist in the conduct of worship in Hanover and vicinity, and to foster religious life among the students.

TRINITY CHURCH, TILTON.

REV. MARCELLUS A. HERRICK, D. D., MINISTER.

ASA P. CATE, } Wardens. CHARLES C. ROGERS, Clerk.
BRADBURY T. BROWN, } BENJ. F. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

Baptisms: adults, 5. Confirmed, 12. Communicants: last number reported, 63; added anew, 10; lost by removal, 4; lost by death, 2—present number, 67. Burials, 3. Sunday School: teachers, 5; scholars, 30.

[The Wardens report: Value of church property, $8,000. Salary of Rector, $800 and parsonage; incidental expenses, $100—derived from subscriptions and Diocesan aid. No debt.]

TRINITY CHURCH, CLAREMONT.

REV. I. G. HUBBARD, D. D., RECTOR.

ARNOLD BRIGGS, } Wardens. ARNOLD BRIGGS, Clerk.
CHA'S M. BINGHAM, } HENRY PATTEN, Treasurer.

Baptisms: infant, 6; adult, 10—total, 16. Confirmed, 20. Communicants: last number reported, 173; added by removal, 6; added

anew, 21; lost by removal, 9; lost by death, 4—present number, 187. Marriages, 2. Burials, 8. Sunday School: teachers, 10; scholars, 90. Contributions: parochial and other purposes, $56.63; communion alms, $186.05; missions—Diocesan, $164.26; domestic, $31.15; foreign, $20 —total, $458.19.

The sum mentioned above as given to Diocesan missions includes $70 sent directly to Hanover for support of the mission. It does not include $32 sent to Nashua. Among the items for which the money collected in the parish has been expended, are the following: $15 to missions for colored people; $20 for Sunday school library; $33.75 to a needy clergyman of the Diocese; $83.37 for charitable and parochial purposes. Free evening services are continued every Sunday, with full attendance and excellent results. All the business affairs of the parish are promptly and efficiently managed. The zeal and interest of the people are very commendable. The Rector gratefully acknowleges a liberal donation made by his parishioners at the Christmas festival.

[The Wardens report: Value of church property $15,500—in good condition. Salary of Rector, $1,200; paid for occasional services, $30; incidental expenses, $587.60—derived from pew rents, principally. Indebtedness, $1,000 on the rectory—means for liquidating the same not at hand. The temporal condition of the parish was never better.]

CHRIST CHURCH, EXETER.

REV. S. P. PARKER, RECTOR.

S. B. SWETT, H. B. BATCHELDER, } Wardens. GEORGE W. DEARBORN, Clerk. C. E. HARRIS, Treasurer.

Baptisms: infants, 3. Confirmed, 2. Communicants: number last reported, 30; added by removal, 10; added anew, 2; lost by removal, 8; lost by death, 1—present number, 33. Marriages, 2. Burials, 2. Sunday School: teachers, 5; scholars, 40—including catechetical class. Contributions: parochial purposes—subscription for organ, $261; furnace, $55; other parochial purposes, $388; offertory, $800; missions: Diocesan, $20; domestic, $37; foreign, $5; extra — offerings for the poor, $3.50; for St. Philip's, Epping, $10; for St. Luke's, Nashua, $7— total contributions, exclusive of Rector's salary and of offertory, $788. The ladies of the parish have raised by their sales, $400. Total charitable contributions by the Parish, exclusive of sales, $398.50.

The above statistics do not fairly represent this young parish. The Church is supported by the offertory, Diocesan and domestic missionary board, and friends of the church out of the parish, through the indefatigable efforts of a lady. The Rector found the parish in a depressed state. It has gained in the respect of the community, in attendance, in devotedness in worship, and in the interest of the parishioners in Church work—all which can not be stated in figures. The amount of money contributed is large, relatively to the size of the congregation. The accessions to the holy communion have been encouraging, but are nearly balanced by the losses by removal. The number of students of Phillips Academy in attendance is increasing; and they receive the special instruction of the Rector in the afternoon.

Altogether, the Church in New-Hampshire has reason to been couraged by the Church work at Exeter. The small debt which is incurred for organ and furnace will speedily be wiped off, and does not rest upon the building; while the addition of a new organ, valued at $1,100, but costing only $800, and a third furnace, make the appointments for public worship very complete.

[The Wardens report: Value of church property, $12,633. Salary of Rector; $1,500; paid for occasional services, $20; incidental expenses, $388—derived from sales and donations. Indebtedness, $625, for organ and furnace—means of liquidating the same, subscriptions and sales. They report the parish in a flourishing condition.]

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, DREWSVILLE.

REV. EDWARD AUGUSTUS RENOUF, OFFICIATING.

HOPE LATHROP, AUGUSTUS F. MAYNARD, } Wardens. FRANCIS G. DREW, Clerk. CHARLES B. BOND, Treasurer.

Baptisms—infant, 2; adult, 2—total, 4. Confirmed, 5. Communicants: number last reported, 24; added anew, 4; lost by removal 5—present number, 23. Burials, 2. Sunday School: teachers, 7; scholars, 21. Contributions: parochial purposes, $36.59; communion alms, $5.50; missions—Diocesan, $5.73; domestic, $5; foreign, $5; extra, $25.

Arrangements have been made during the Easter season, for the continuance of the service till Easter, 1871. *Sunday, Sept. 12*, the late Bishop Chase officiated for the last time in the rite of confirmation, confirming four persons. *May 21, 1870*, Bishop Neely, of Maine, confirmed one person. A linen surplice having been given to the parish, the materials for an elegant fringed stole were bought by the parish, and made up by the ladies. The children of the parish, their parents and friends enjoyed a very pleasant entertainment on Christmas eve. Of special contributions, $5 were paid Bishop Neely, for traveling expenses; $20 were raised to aid the former Rector, Rev. Dr. Porter, toward paying off the debt of Trinity Church, Woburn, Mass. Services are held every Sunday during the summer, and on alternate Sundays during the winter but one service, and that in the morning, the rest of the time being given, by the desire of the parishioners, to parochial visiting; the minister being non-resident. The offertory, the source of our contributions, is taken every Sunday. It has amounted this year to $70.67. The balance from last year was $12.15, and our present balance is $15.51.

[The Wardens report: Value of church, $2,500—in good repair; parsonage $500—very much out of repair; theological library, gift of Rev. Dr. Sprague—in good preservation. Salary paid officiating minister, $500; incidental expenses, $7—derived from Trustees of Donations, by order of Bishop Chase, $125; balance, voluntary subscriptions. They have contracted for making some repairs upon the parsonage, and contemplate enlarging and repairing thoroughly as soon as possible.]

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, DOVER.

REV. JOHN B. RICHMOND, RECTOR.

WILLIAM HALE, CHARLES A. TUFTS, } Wardens. JOHN J. DUXBURY, Clerk. WILLIAM HALE, Treasurer.

Baptisms: infant, 5. Communicants, 107. Marriages, 5. Burials, 11. Sunday School: teachers, 13; scholars, 90. Contributions: parochial purposes, $291.50; communion alms, $120.53; missions—domestic, $32.60; foreign, $28.20; extra—for the support of a scholar in the Church school at Utah, $40—total, $512.83.

GRACE CHURCH, MANCHESTER.

REV. LORENZO SEARS, RECTOR.

WM. B. WEBSTER, JOHN CAYZER, } Wardens. C. H. HILL, Clerk. M. V. B. EDGERLY, Treasurer.

Baptisms: infants, 13; adult, 1—total, 14. Communicants: number last reported, 130; added by removal, 2; lost by removal, 26; lost by death, 4—present number, 102. Marriages, 5. Burials, 10. Sunday School: teachers, 14; scholars, 100. Contributions: parochial purposes, $108.47; communion alms, $58.54; missions—Diocesan, $27.55; extra: society for increase of ministry, $12.50.

Beside the above, pledged weekly offerings have been made since Jan. 1 to the amount of $279.82, for the payment of the debt of the parish, and $109.32 for defraying incidental expenses; $570 has also been given by the Ladies' Parish Aid Society toward the payment of various debts; $300 has been contributed for a pavement and an iron fence about the church, and $117.50 for other purposes, amounting in all to $1376.14. To this may be added pew rents and subscriptions toward the support of public worship $2150, making a total of $3526.14 for religious purposes, and with other contributions not included with these, $3820.70.

In the above report the number of communicants lost by removal includes all who have left the parish during the past *two* years, the last report having been made in 1868. No communicants have been added anew, although a number of candidates are awaiting confirmation. The remaining statistics belong largely to the last six months, or from Nov. 14, 1869, when the present Rector took charge of the parish. Within this time a commendable devotion to the interests of the Church has been manifested. The rectory has been thoroughly repaired, a systematic effort has been made, through pledged offerings, to discharge the indebtedness of the parish, which, at the present rate, will be accomplished, it is hoped, by the end of the present Conventional year. There has also been an increase in the number of pews rented, and a corresponding increase in the attendance upon the services.

[The Wardens report: Value of church and lot, $20,000; organ and furniture of church, $1,000; rectory, $4,000—total $25,000. Insured for $6,200. Salary of Rector, $1,500; paid other ministers during vacancy in rectorship, $900—total incidental expenses for the year, $1,073—derived from pew rents, offerings and subscriptions. Indebtedness, $2,240.86.]

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, HOPKINTON.

REV. HALL HARRISON, DEACON OFFICIATING.

SAMUEL R. ADAMS, WILLIAM RESTIEAUX, } Wardens. GEORGE PHELPS, Clerk.

Burials, three. Contributions from March 6 to May 8, $19.37. Offertory on the Sunday morning services.

[The Wardens report: Value of stone church, $2,000. The Rev. Hall Harrison, of St. Paul's School, holds services every Sunday—alternately in the morning and evening—except during January, July and August. The parish raise by subscription, $100. No debt.]

TRINITY CHURCH, CORNISH.

IN CHARGE OF REV. MALCOLM DOUGLASS, OF WINDSOR, VERMONT.

WILLIAM H. BALLOCH, WILLIAM C. HART, } Wardens.

Present number, 5. Burials (including 3 in the last conventional year not reported), 9. Contributions: parochial purposes, $7.90; missions—Diocesan, $5.

With the aid of a lay reader, the Rector of St. Paul's, Windsor, Vt., was enabled to provide for Trinity Church, Cornish, N. H., a series of regular Sunday services during the summer of 1869, the attendance upon which was always respectable and sometimes very good. This series was interrupted last autumn by the completion of repairs and improvements which were begun in 1866. In that year the roof was repaired, the old high-backed pews were lowered and re-arranged, so as to face the chancel and to exclude the old square pews, and to secure a broad center alley from the entrance door to the chancel. In the course of last fall, 1869, the semi-circular recess at the east end was thrown open and converted into an apsidal chancel; an altar, lecturn, and chancel rail, all of butternut, have been constructed; a robing-room neatly partitioned and carpeted; the wood work painted; the butternut work varnished; the walls and ceiling washed; and the chancel carpeted. The total expense has been about $450, and the work is all paid for. The money was raised principally through the Christian energy and devotion of Mrs. John L. Putnam, of Cornish, and has been expended with wisdom and economy. It is to be hoped that a better day is about to dawn upon this long prostrated parish, and that this improvement in material things may be found to mark the beginning of an improvement of a deeper, more liberal, and more spiritual kind, in the Christian life of the people of this parish.

[The Wardens report: Value of church building, $1000; communion service, $20. Within the last two or three years the church has been repaired to the amount of about $500, the means being contributed partly by individuals, and partly by other parishes and non-residents. The parish is weak and small, but they have been able thus far to keep up an organization, with occasional services, and hope and trust that better prospects are before them.]

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, GOFFSTOWN.

REV. WILLIAM BINET, RECTOR.

WM. H. HART, R. JOHNSON, } Wardens.

My connection with St. Matthew's Church, Goffstown, dates from the first of January, 1870. The work here is entirely of a missionary nature. The ground has to be broken, brought into shape and cultivated. Patience and perseverance are needed. The means to support the services and to pay the Church debt must come from without. Meanwhile the few church members have not been idle. The building has been painted, stone-steps added, and a full communion set offered to God.

For the first three months of 1870 the salary of $150 was offered and made up. But this was an extra effort. It was more than could reasonably be expected. After this time the contributions toward the support of the missionary are made through the offertory, and amount to $5 or $6 a week.

I need not say that there is a very fair prospect for the growth of the Church here. Goffstown has a thriving business and is rapidly increasing both in wealth and population.

[The Wardens report: Value of parish property, $4,500. Insured for $2,000. Church opened for service the first Sunday in January, 1870. $150 paid by the parish for services from January to April, which was derived from Sunday collections and individual contributions. Indebtedness, $1500.]

UNION CHURCH, CLAREMONT.

REV. HENRY S. SMITH, RECTOR.

S. C. GRANNIS, A. THOMAS, J. TYLER, } Wardens. H. P. SHEDD, Treasurer and Clerk.

Baptisms, 4. Communicants: number last reported, 37; added by removal, 3; added anew, 1; restored, 1; lost by death 4 — present number, 38. Marriages, 3. Burials 8. Sunday School: teachers, 4; scholars, 15. Contributions: communion alms, $3.89; missions—domestic, $7.95.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Towns.	Parishes.	Rectors.	Baptisms.			Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday Scho'ls.		Missionary Contributions.			Other contributions for religious purposes.
			Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Added.	Died or remov'd.	Present numb'r.				Teachers.	Scholars.	Diocesan.	Domestic.	Foreign.	
Keene,	St James',	Rev. George W. Brown,	3	4	7	21	1	69	13	2	1			$25 00	$10.21	$7.35	$2,981.11
Charlestown,	St. Luke's,	Rev. Francis Chase,	8	6	14	6	5	36	7	4	4	8	53	45 20	28.59	14.75	79.24
Portsmouth,	St. John's,	Rev. Rufus W. Clark, Jr.,	23	4	27	26	8	236	10	8	12	30	240	120 00	55.00	15.50	1,004.50
Concord,	Chapel of St. Paul's School	Rev. Henry A. Coit, D. D.,	21	2	14	20	10	65	19	3	3	3	56	25.00	200.00	.....	1,086.45
Concord,	St. Paul's,	Rev. James H. Eames, D. D.,	6	3	9	4	8	168	4	9	12	11	125	138.00	41.00	.....	140.51
Hanover,	St. Thomas',	Rev. James Haughton,	9	7	16	9	2	37	10	..	1	5	34	24.00			447.96
Tilton,	Trinity,	Rev. Marcellus A. Herrick, D. D.,	..	5	5	10	6	67	12	..	3	5	30				
Claremont,	Trinity,	Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard, D D.,	6	10	16	27	13	187	20	2	8	10	90	164.26	31.15	20.00	212.68
Exeter,	Christ,	Rev. Samuel P. Parker, D. D.,	3	..	3	12	9	33	2	2	2	5	40	20 00	37.00	5.00	398 50
Walpole(Drewsv'le),	St. Peter's,	Rev. Edward A. Renouf,	2	2	4	4	5	23	5	..	2	7	21	5.73	5.00	5.00	37.09
Walpole,	St. John's,	Vacant															
Dover,	St. Thomas',	Rev. John B. Richmond,	5	..	5	.....	...	107	...	5	11	13	90	.....	32.60	28.20	452.03
Manchester,	Grace,	Rev. Lorenzo Sears,	13	1	14	2	50	102	...	5	10	14	100	27.55	.... ..	.....	174.51
Hopkinton,	St. Andrew's,	Rev. Hall Harrison, [lass.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	.....	.....	.....	19.37
Cornish,	Trinity,	In charge of Rev. Malcolm Doug-	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	5.00	.....	.....	7.90
Goffstown,	St. Matthew's,	Rev. William Binet,															
Claremont (West),	Union,	Rev. Henry S. Smith,	4	..	4	.....	...	38	...	3	8	4	15	.....	7.95		3.89
Nashua,	St. Luke's,	Vacant.															
Epping,	St. Philip's,	Vacant.															
Pittsfield,	St. Stephen's,	Vacant.															
Holderness,	St. Mark's,	Vacant.															
Plainfield,	Grace,	Vacant.															
			103	44	138	141	117	1173	102	43	80	115	894	$599.74	$448.50	$95.80	$7,045.74

DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

HORACE A. BROWN, TREASURER.

1869.	IN ACCOUNT WITH THE BISHOP'S FUND.	DR.
May 26.	To balance from previous year,	$22.00
June 9.	From a gentleman of Concord,	100.00
Sept. 14.	Cash of St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield (1868),	7.00
Dec. 15.	St. Peter's Church, Drewsville,	7.00
1870.		
Jan. 19.	St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	7.00
Feb. 16.	St. John's Church, Portsmouth,	190.00
Feb. 16.	St. Luke's Church, Charlestown,	15.00
Feb. 16.	Christ Church, Exeter,	8.00
Feb. 21.	Trinity Church, Claremont,	80.00
Feb. 24.	St. James' Church, Keene,	20.00
Mar. 10.	St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	40.00
Mar. 12.	St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield,	7.00
Apr. 16.	Grace Church, Manchester,	45.00
May 18.	St. Paul's Church, Concord,	70.00
May 25.	St. Matthew's Church, Goffstown,	7.00
May 25.	St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	10.00
		$636.00

Due from	Union Church, Claremont (two years),	$200.00
	Trinity Church, Cornish "	30.00
	Trinity Church, Sanbornton, "	30.00
	St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	7.00
	St. Luke's Church, Nashua (two years),	40.00
	St. Philip's Church, Epping,	7.00
	St. John's Church, Walpole,	7.00
	Treas. of Donations, Boston, and a private donation	250.00
		$571.00

DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

HORACE A. BROWN, Treasurer.

1869.	IN ACCOUNT WITH THE DIOCESE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.	Dr.
May 26.	To balance from previous year,	$2.67
May 26.	cash of Trinity Church, Claremont,	10.00
Dec. 15.	St. Peter's Church, Drewsville,	2.00
1870.		
Jan. 19.	St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,	2.00
Feb. 18.	St. John's Church, Portsmouth,	25.00
Feb. 18.	St. Luke's Church, Charlestown,	3.00
Feb. 18.	Christ Church, Exeter,	2.00
Feb. 24.	St. James' Church, Keene,	5.00
Mar. 10.	St. Thomas' Church, Dover,	6.00
Mar. 12.	St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield,	2.00
Apr. 16.	Grace Church, Manchester,	6.00
Apr. 16.	Union Church, Claremont,	12.00
May 18.	St. Paul's Church, Concord,	10.00
May 25.	St. Matthew's Church, Goffstown,	2.00
May 25.	St. Thomas' Church, Hanover,	2.00
		$91.67

1869–70	Contra.		Cr.
Aug. 4.	Paid for postage stamps,	$2.00	
Aug. 20.	express on General Convention Journals,	1.80	
Nov. 7.	McFarland & Jenks, printing journals,	68.99	
Feb. 12.	for postage stamps,	1.00	
Feb. 24.	Treasurer of General Convention (extra assessment),	5.75	
			$79.54
	Balance in treasury,		$12.13

Due from	Trinity Church, Cornish (three years),	10.00
	St. Mark's Church, Holderness,	2.00
	St. Luke's Church, Nashua (two years),	14.00
	Trinity Church, Sanbornton "	13.00
	St. Philip's Church, Epping,	2.00
	St. John's Church, Walpole,	2.00
		$43.00

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

FRANCIS CHASE, Treasurer.

1869.	IN ACCOUNT WITH THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.	Dr.
June 1.	To balance on hand,	$699.66
June 1.	Convention Offertory,	12.79
1870.		
Feb. 14.	Trinity Church, Cornish,	5.00
Feb. 28.	Coll. Western Convocation,	9.26
Apr. 6.	A Presbyter,	8.00
Apr. 17.	St. Luke's, Charlestown,	45.20
Apr. 22.	St. John's, Portsmouth,	120.00
Apr. 26.	Christ Church, Exeter,	20.00
Apr. 26.	St. Peter's, Drewsville,	5.73
Apr. 28.	St. Paul's School, Concord,	25.00
May 2.	Trinity, Claremont,	75.00
May 4.	Grace, Manchester,	27.55
May 4.	St. Thomas, Hanover,	24.00
May 4.	Children of St. Paul's, Concord,	42.29
May 6.	Dividends, Savings Bank,	10.48
May 24.	St. Andrew's, Hopkinton,	7.06
		$1187.02

1869.	Contra.	Cr.
June 8.	By paid Rev. E. H. Downing,	$125.00
July 20.	Rev. T. B. Newby,	100.00
Aug. 12.	Rev. Dr. Eames,	20.00
Sept. 7.	Rev. Jas. Haughton,	100.00
	Rev. Dr. Herrick,	50.00
	Rev. Dr. Hubbard,	10.00
Nov. 12.	Rev. E. H. Downing,	62.50
1870.		
Jan. 8.	Rev. Jas. Haughton,	100.00
Feb. 22.	Rev. Dr. Douglass (Cornish),	54.00
Apr. 6.	Rev. Wm. Binet,	100.00
May 10.	Rev. F. Chase,	50.00
May 10.	Postages,	87.00
		$772.37
	Balance on hand, May 26, 1870,	$364.65

SUNDAYS RECOMMENDED FOR SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.

EASTER SUNDAY—For Diocesan Missions. WHIT-SUNDAY—For aged and infirm Clergy Fund.

NOTICE.

The Seventy-first Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Hampshire, will be held in St. Luke's Church, Charlestown, on the last Wednesday of May, 1871, at 9 o'clock A. M.

HORACE A. BROWN,
Secretary of the Convention.

CONCORD, June, 1870.

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT.

REV. —— ——, RECTOR.

——— ———, } Wardens. ——— ———, Clerk.
——— ———, } ——— ———, Treasurer.

Baptisms—Infants,		
Adults,		
Confirmed,		
Communicants—Number last reported,		
Added by removal,		
" anew,		
Lost by removal,		
" death,		
Present number,		
Marriages,		
Burials,		
Sunday School—Teachers,		
Scholars,		
Contributions for Parochial purposes,		$ cts.
" Communion Alms,		
" Missions—Diocesan,		
Domestic,		
Foreign,		
" Extra,		

CERTIFICATE OF LAY DELEGATES.

At the Annual Parish Meeting of ——— Church of ———, on the ——— day of ——— [last or inst.], A— B—, C— D—, and E— F—, were duly elected Delegates to the Convention of this Diocese, to be held at ———, on ——— next, and G— H—, I— K—, and L— M—, were also chosen, as substitutes.

(Signed, ———— ———, *Parish Clerk.*
[Or *Rector* or *Warden*, as the case may be.]